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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Syracuse, on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1888, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., of the Presbytery of Boston, on Hebrews x., 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized for business with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

James N. Crocker, D. D.,
David M. Reeves, D. D.,
Robert A. Davison,
Alfonso R. Olney,
Horace C. Stanton, Ph. D.,
DeWitt G. Rockefeller,
Ezekiel D. Van Dyck,

Ruling Elders.

David Cady.
Edward P. Durant.
James W. Mairs.
James Rodgers.
Samuel B. Howe.
Thomas R. Blackburn.
Fay Duncan.

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.

Henry T. Perry,
George M. Janes,
G. Flavel Humphrey,

Ruling Elders.

Hon. Perrin H. McGraw.
Henry F. Benton.
Amasa J. Hoyt.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles C. Wallace, D. D.,
Peter M. Macdonald, Ph. D.
Andrew Burrows.
James A. F. McBain.

Donald McDonald.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Robert D. Sproull,
William J. Bridges,
Philipp Vollmer,
Augustus B. Prichard,

John A. Jenkins, M. D.
Henry J. Redfield.
Smith E. Hendrickson.
Andrew W. Morehouse.
Charles Kennedy.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,
John Burrows, D. D.,
Henry Ward,
John McLachlan.
Rufus S. Green, D. D.
William S. Jerome.

George W. Harris.
Joseph B. Sweet.
Fred B. Curtiss (2).

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D.,
John T. Wills, D. D.,
William H. Hubbard (2),
John P. Mac Phie.

John H. Osborne.
Edward P. Gilbert.
William J. Donovan.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Francis B. Hall,
Chandler N. Thomas (2).

Charles L. Hubbard.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Stanley D. Jewell,
Stanley B. Roberts.
James R. Robinson.

Moses S. Converse.
Tyler H. Abbey.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

*Ministers.**Ruling Elders.*

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

George C. Yeisley,
Titus E. Davis (3).
J. Perry Beaver.

Abram Harder.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

John F. McLaury,
E. Wilmot Cumings,
Allan D. Draper,

William Bradley.
George Rowley Gay.
Levant C. McIntyre.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

George C. Curtis, D. D.,
Edwin Hall,
J. Wilford Jacks,
William S. Carter,

Myron Peckins.
Lyman E. Jacobus.
Edward P. Babcock (2).
Robert Johnston.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

John Service (3),
John S. Gilmor,
George T. Galbraith,
Robert B. Clark,

Eli W. Fairchild.
Linn Roy.
Abraham P. Howell.
William W. Wickham, Jr.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Hamilton B. Holmes,
Henry Schlosser,
Frederick V. Frisbie.

Selah B. Strong.
Levi W. Halsey, M. D.

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

John H. Pollock (2),
George W. Borden,
Jacob Dyk,

William H. Kent.
Samuel H. DeRight.
Silas S. Pierson (2).

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

George S. Bell,
George H. Payson,
Frederick W. Cutler (2),

Joseph R. Huntting.
John D. Fish.
John P. Prall.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.

John Hall, D. D.,
 Robert F. Sample, D. D.,
 Erskine N. White, D. D. (2),
 Joseph J. Lampe,
 John Dooly (2),
 George S. Payson,
 Edward M. Deems,
 Henry T. McEwen.
 A. Woodruff Halsey.

Ruling Elders.

Warner Van Norden.
 Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
 William C. Martin.
 William Mitchell.
 James Bayles.
 Duncan Kennedy.
 William P. Jones.

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Josiah G. Schaeffer,
 Edgar P. Salmon.

Henry Sears.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Joseph K. Wight,
 George P. Noble,
 George L. Richmond,

John Dales.
 Alpheus Goodman, Jr.
 Heman D. Cleveland.
 Augustus G. Clark.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

John L. Jones,
 Frank H. Seeley,
 James Otis Denniston (2),
 Jonathan Greenleaf.

Garrett Roseboom.
 Eleasar R. Fuller (2).
 Daniel McMullen.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Gavin L. Hamilton
 Horace P. V. Bogue,
 Theodore B. Williams,
 Edward Bristol,
 Theodore W. Hopkins,
 John C. Henderson,
 Gerard B. F. Hallock.
 Bevard D. Sinclair.

Frank H. Clement (2).
 Edwin E. Shutt.
 Andrew J. Warner.
 James S. Gilman.
 George H. Rudman.
 Louis Chapin.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Ministers.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,
 Randall Pease (2),
 Allen Macy Dulles (2).
 George F. Walker.

Ruling Elders.

Gilbert B. Manley.
 Atwood R. Bodman.

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

John S. Bacon (2),
 William H. Rice,
 George R. Smith,

Lewis P. Wygant.
 Arthur S. Lamson.
 Sebastian G. Lewis.
 Orton O. Laine.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

George B. Spalding, D. D.,
 Alfred E. Myers,
 Orson L. White,
 Douglas Putnam Birnie.
 John Calvin Mead.

J. Francis Green.
 Thomas Hooker.
 Bradford Sherwood (2).

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

William M. Johnson, D. D.,
 Hector Hall,
 Ninian B. Remick,
 Jeremiah M. Chrysler,
 William Reed,
 Christopher G. Hazard (3),
 Adrian V. S. Wallace.

Horace B. Silliman.
 DeWitt C. Halstead.
 Thomas Collins.
 J. DeWitt Qua.
 Franklin Field.
 Thomas U. Davidson (3).

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Eliot H. Payson,
 Henry Darling, D. D.,
 Thomas B. Hudson, D. D.
 George O. Phelps,
 Egbert C. Lawrence,
 John McK. Brayton,

Duane D. Foote.
 Timothy Parker.
 James L. Barnes.
 Arthur R. Simmons, M. D.
 James V. Comstock.
 Amos King.

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Ministers.

J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D.,
 Richard P. H. Vail, D. D. (2),
 Robert P. Gibson,
 John H. Eastman,
 J. Ritchie Smith,
 Edward C. Moore.

Ruling Elders.

John G. Clarke.
 Joseph H. Crane.
 Harrison Teller, M. D.
 Sanford R. Knapp.
 Stanton Cady.
 Henry White.
 Francis W. Marsh.

The following delegates were absent :

Presbytery of Albany : Minister—John McC. Holmes; Elder—Louis W. Pratt.

Binghamton : Minister—G. Parsons Nichols; Elder—Roderick T. Peck.

Boston : Ministers—Joseph W. Sanderson, Donald Macdougall; Elders—John Gilchrist, William M. Todd, Samuel Campbell, John W. Greeley, Gardner B. Reynolds.

Brooklyn : Minister—J. Glentworth Butler.

Buffalo : Minister—Lansing Van Schoonhoven; Elders—Leonard B. Perry, George W. Pierce, Joseph H. Plumb, William P. Gifford.

Cayuga : Elder—Samuel C. Van Sickle.

Champlain : Elder—Nicholas Farlinger.

Chemung : Elders—Truman H. Squire, John P. Cook.

Columbia : Elders—Daniel W. Curtis, John Cadman.

Hudson : Ministers—Thomas Fitzgerald, James A. McWilliams; Elders—Alfred Hosier, Alsop L. Corwin.

Long Island : Elder—Stuart T. Terry.

New York : Minister—Thomas S. Hastings; Elders—James M. Edgar, William A. Wheelock, James Fraser.

Niagara : Minister—William A. Beecher; Elders—Charles W. Laskey, Wallace Grey.

North Laos : Minister—Chalmers Martin.

North River : Ministers—Frederick B. Savage, David B. McMurdy, Frank M. Carson; Elders—Ogden D. Daley, R. Howard Wallace, Jr.

Otsego : Elder—George N. Bissell.

Rochester : Elders—Samuel L. Rockfellow, George R. Barker.

St. Lawrence : Elders—John A. Vance, Calvin T. Hulburd.

Steuben : Minister—Arthur N. Bruen.

Syracuse : Elders—David Collin, William N. Tuttle.

Troy : Elder—Theodore E. Button.

Utica : Minister—Albert W. Allen; Elder—Israel W. Young.

Westchester : Minister—W. Hart Dexter.

The Rev. Lansing Van Schoonhoven, of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, presented reasons for their absence, which were sustained.

The REV. T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was unanimously elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The REV. ALFONSO R. OLNEY, of the Presbytery of Albany, and the REV. JEREMIAH M. CHRYSLER, of the Presbytery of Troy, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D., reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the sessions of the morning begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve; of the afternoon, at two o'clock, and close at half-past five, except on Wednesday afternoon, when the session shall begin at half-past two; of the evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

2. That at half-past ten, A. M., to-morrow, the reports of the Synodical Superintendents be in order, and an address by Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D.

3. That on Wednesday evening a popular meeting for Home Missions be held, to be addressed by Rev. Messrs. John Hall, D. D., and Charles L. Thompson, D. D.

The first half-hour of the morning session, each day, will be spent in devotional services. It is earnestly urged upon members of the Synod, and all others, to make it a religious duty to attend this opening service of prayer. The meeting to-morrow morning will be conducted by Rev. John McLachlan.

Adjourned until to-morrow at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Presbytery of Buffalo: Elder—Fred B. Curtiss.

Cayuga: Minister—William H. Hubbard.

Champlain: Minister—Chandler N. Thomas.

Geneva: Minister—William S. Carter; Elder—Edward P. Babcock.

Lyons: Minister—John H. Pollock; Elder—Silas S. Pierson.

Nassau: Minister—Frederick W. Cutler.

New York: Ministers—Erskine N. White, John Dooly.

Otsego: Minister—James Otis Denniston; Elder—Eleasar R. Fuller.

Rochester: Elder—Frank H. Clement.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—Randall Pease, Allen M. Dulles.

Steuben: Minister—John S. Bacon.

Syracuse: Elder—Bradford Sherwood.

Westchester: Minister—Richard P. H. Vail.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES :

Ministers—Charles C. Wallace, D. D., John Hall, D. D., Henry Darling, D. D., George C. Yeisley, George P. Noble, John Burrows, D. D., John T. Wills, D. D., E. Wilmot Cumings.

Elders—Edward P. Durant, John H. Osborne, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Charles L. Hubbard, Levant C. McIntyre, Lyman E. Jacobus, Charles Kennedy.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS :

Ministers—Rufus S. Green, D. D., George C. Curtis, D. D., J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., Theodore W. Hopkins, William M. Johnson, D. D., Robert F. Sample, D. D., William H. Hubbard, Douglas P. Birnie.

Elders—Warner Van Norden, Perrin H. McGraw, Joseph R. Hunting, Henry Sears, Thomas Hooker, Sanford R. Knapp, William C. Martin.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Ministers—Horace P. V. Bogue, Hamilton B. Holmes, DeWitt G. Rockefeller, Edgar P. Salmon.

Elders—Franklin Field, Andrew J. Warner, Samuel B. Howe.

4. FINANCE :

Elders—Horace B. Silliman, Selah B. Strong, Robert Johnston, Gilbert B. Manley, Lewis P. Wygant.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE :

Ministers—Theodore B. Williams, John C. Mead, William S. Jerome.

Elders—Timothy Parker, Sebastian G. Lewis.

6. TO NOMINATE VISITORS TO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES, COLLEGES, &C. :

Ministers—Edward Bristol, Stanley D. Jewell, Frank H. Seeley, Francis B. Hall, Charles C. Wallace, D. D.

Elders—William H. Kent, Thomas Collins, Arthur R. Simmons, James W. Mairs.

7. TO NOMINATE THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS :

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, D. D., James N. Crocker, D. D., William H. Rice, George O. Phelps, Allan D. Draper.

Elders—Louis Chapin, John Dales, Abraham P. Howell, Duncan Kennedy.

8. TO NOMINATE THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE :

Ministers—Thomas B. Hudson, D. D., Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Robert D. Sproull, Henry Ward, Orson L. White.

Elders—Amos King, James Bayles, Augustus G. Clark, Linn Roy.

9. TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS OF ELMIRA COLLEGE :

Ministers—Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., Hector Hall, George M. Janes, John McLachlan, Jacob Dyk.

Elders—Moses S. Converse, Joseph B. Sweet, Stanton Cady, J. Francis Green.

The Moderator also announced the following

COMMITTEES ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY : . . *Ministers*—George S. Bell, A. Woodruff Halsey ; *Elder*—John P. Prall.

2. BINGHAMTON : *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Josiah G. Schaeffer ; *Elder*—William C. Martin.

3. BOSTON : . . *Ministers*—Joseph J. Lampe, Joseph K. Wight ; *Elder*—William Mitchell.

4. BROOKLYN : . . *Ministers*—George L. Richmond, Henry T. McEwen ; *Elder*—Heman D. Cleveland.

5. BUFFALO : . . *Ministers*—John L. Jones, Bevard D. Sinclair ; *Elder*—Garrett Roseboom.

6. CAYUGA : . . . *Ministers*—Eliot H. Payson, Edwin Hall ;
Elder—Duane D. Foote.
7. CHAMPLAIN : . . . *Ministers*—John C. Henderson, Jonathan
Greenleaf ; *Elder*—Edwin E. Shutt.
8. CHEMUNG : . . . *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George F
Walker ; *Elder*—Andrew J. Warner.
9. CHILE : . . . [No Records.]
10. COLUMBIA : . . . *Ministers*—George R. Smith, Gavin L. Ham-
ilton ; *Elder*—Atwood R. Bodman.
11. GENESEE : . . . *Ministers*—John C. Mead, Adrian V. S. Wal-
lace ; *Elder*—Arthur S. Lamson.
12. GENEVA : . . . *Ministers*—John F. McLaury, James R.
Robinson ; *Elder*—William Bradley.
13. HUDSON : . . . *Ministers*—Alfred E. Myers, Egbert C.
Lawrence ; *Elder*—J. Francis Green.
14. LONG ISLAND : *Ministers*—William Reed, John McK. Bray-
ton ; *Elder*—DeWitt C. Halstead.
15. LYONS : . . . *Ministers*—Robert A. Davison, Andrew Bur-
rows ; *Elder*—Donald McDonald.
16. NASSAU : . . . *Ministers*—Edward C. Moore, John Mc-
Lachlan ; *Elder*—James L. Barnes.
17. NEW YORK : . . . *Ministers*—John H. Eastman, George T.
Galbraith ; *Elder*—James V. Comstock.
18. NIAGARA : . . . *Ministers*—Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, James A.
F. McBain ; *Elder*—James Rodgers.
19. NORTH LAOS : *Ministers*—G. Flavel Humphrey, Augustus B.
Prichard ; *Elder*—David Cady.
20. NORTH RIVER : *Ministers*—Horace C. Stanton, Ph. D., Henry
T. Perry ; *Elder*—Henry F. Benton.
21. OROOMIAH : . . . [No Records.]

22. OTSEGO : . . . *Ministers*—Peter M. Macdonald, Ph. D., Philipp Vollmer ; *Elder*—Amasa J. Hoyt.
23. ROCHESTER : . . . *Ministers*—William J. Bridges, John P. MacPhie ; *Elder*—John A. Jenkins.
24. ST. LAWRENCE : *Ministers*—James R. Robinson, J. Perry Beaver ; *Elder*—George W. Harris.
25. SIAM : . . . [No Records.]
26. STEUBEN : . . . *Ministers*—Stanley B. Roberts, Frederick V. Frisbie ; *Elder*—Henry J. Redfield.
27. SYRACUSE : . . . *Ministers*—Robert B. Clark, George W. Borden ; *Elder*—Abram Harder.
28. TROY : . . . *Ministers*—J. Ritchie Smith, Hamilton B. Holmes ; *Elder*—Andrew W. Morehouse.
29. UTICA : . . . *Ministers*—John S. Gilmor, Henry Schlosser ; *Elder*—George Rowley Gay.
30. WESTCHESTER : *Ministers*—James N. Crocker, D. D., Ninian B. Remick ; *Elder*—Levi W. Halsey.

Printed copies of the Docket of Business were distributed.

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented, and referred to the Examining Committees.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the standing order was postponed, in order to hear the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, who then addressed the Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered this afternoon, at half past two o'clock; that the Rev. Eliot H. Payson be invited to assist the Moderator at the Table; and that Ruling Elders Warner Van Norden, Edward P. Durant, Levant C. McIntyre, Charles L. Hubbard, Gilbert B. Manley and Selah B. Strong be designated to serve the communicants.

2. That the order for the rest of the afternoon be as follows: At 4 o'clock an address by the Secretary of the Board of Publication; at 4:30, an address by the representative of the Board of Missions for Freedmen; to be followed by addresses from Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., editor of *The Church at Home and Abroad*, and Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., a representative of the General Assembly at the organization of the Synod of Brazil.

In pursuance of the standing order, the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church presented, though its acting Chairman, the Rev. Ninian B. Remick, the following report, which was accepted:

In commenting upon Presbyterian liberality, an influential journal has recently said, "It is to be remembered that the financial contributions of any class of people, whether organized as a Church or not, are the best test and gauge of downright moral earnestness." This is essentially the posture of the friends of systematic beneficence. Hence, we contemplate with gratitude to God the progress in beneficence made by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Instead of a detailed rehearsal of the shortcomings of the Presbyteries, such as was accurately and wisely given last year, we deem it better, at this first meeting after the Centennial General Assembly, to make the report one of congratulation and gratitude.

While much is yet to be done towards the attainment of the Scriptural ideals, so attractively set before us by previous committees, yet we have in our hearts to-day room only for rejoicing and thanksgiving because of what has been achieved.

In 1878-79 our branch of the Church contributed to the Board of Home Missions \$292,579.43. But in 1887-88 we contributed \$844,696. In 1878-79 the Board of Foreign Missions reported having received \$425,482; but in 1888 it reports the magnificent total of \$901,180. Proportionate progress is reported by the other indispensable Boards of the Church. These are not the steps of a child; they are the strides of a giant, and of one marching on to victory. Nor must we forget that our ability to make this progress is due largely to the fact that the Women's Missionary Societies have proved true helpers, and thus have furnished a new and beautiful illustration of the primitive and fundamental truth, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

Let us glance for a moment at the share which our Synod has taken in the erection of this monument of gold. Last year Home Missions received from all sources \$844,696. Of this, our Synod contributed \$306,855. Foreign Missions received \$901,180, of which our Synod gave \$198,017. To Education we contributed \$30,391; to the Sunday-School Work of the Board of Publication, \$13,086; to Church Erection, \$58,539; to the Relief Fund, \$124,012; to the Freedmen, \$23,765; to Sustentation, \$9,569; to the Board of Aid for Colleges, \$27,663. Thus, to the nine objects represented by the Boards, the Church at large gave \$2,931,196, of which sum this Synod contributed \$791,897. For all objects, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, reporting 722,071 communicants, contributed \$12,818,682, of which the Synod of New York, reporting 152,764 communicants, contributed \$2,946,250.

It is only fair to acknowledge that, under the favor of the Great Head of the Church, who has given us prosperity and good success, we are in large measure indebted for this progress to former Committees on Systematic Beneficence in the

Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. They have diligently sown the good seed, much of which has fallen into good ground; and the promise of the triumph of the principles of Systematic Beneficence in every part, and to the uttermost circumference of our Church, was never brighter than it is to-day.

Denying ourselves the usual privilege of presenting a number of recommendations, we shall be content with sending, as our message to the churches, rich and poor, small and great, through pastors and Ruling Elders, the word of the Lord of Hosts, "Say unto My people that they go forward."

And the stimulus and encouragement which we give to all, is that given by the inspired Apostle when he says: "But this I say, he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully (with blessings) shall reap also bountifully (with blessings). Let each man do as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in every thing, may abound unto every good work; as it is written, He hath scattered abroad, He hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth forever. And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; ye being enriched in every thing in all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God."

The report of the Committee appointed last year to promote the efficiency of the Synodical Aid Plan was presented and accepted.

Pending its consideration, the Synod was addressed by the Synodical Superintendents, and by the Rev. John McC. Holmes, D. D., in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements.

The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

It is now two years since the Synod of New York gave its vote in hearty favor of the sustaining of its own weak churches, and the culture of its own mission-fields, in all its home territory, save that portion included in the Presbytery of Boston. Previous to that action, the Board of Home Missions had repeatedly expressed itself in favor of the movement, suggesting to strong and wealthy Synods the duty of caring for their own fields, while giving none the less to the national cause. The General Assembly, also, cordially sanctioning the suggestion, commended it to the Synods.

Moreover, our Synod, as early as 1884, had given the matter into the charge of a special committee, with instructions to report at the following Synod. In 1885 the committee was continued and enlarged, in order that a farther report might be made. The action, therefore, of two years ago, was most deliberate and intelligent. The subject, at the hands of both committee and Synod, had received unusual attention.

The plan adopted was to go into effect May 1st, 1887, and it contemplated the raising, in round numbers, of \$21,000; that sum being recommended to the several Presbyteries, in the ratio of fifteen cents per member,—the resultant amounts varying from \$195, in the weakest Presbytery, to \$3000, in the strongest. It was farther pointed out, in a circular issued by the committee, that the evidently desirable method, in detail, and one on which the success of the whole plan was likely to depend, was the method of kindly apportionment, within each Presbytery and by each Presbytery, according to the ability of the different churches.

The first year of experience under the plan thus devised and thus adopted, closed with the 1st of last May; and while your Committee rejoices in certain features of the result, it deeply regrets that the success has not been complete. Toward the close of the fiscal year, a circular was sent by it to all the non-contributing churches, narrating the facts as they then stood, and earnestly pleading for an immediate and general rally. Something was thus accomplished, yet the total amount contributed up to May 1st, 1888, was but little more than \$15,000, as against the \$21,000 called for. Meantime, the Home Board, from its general treasury, supplied the lack, and our weak churches and mission fields were not left to suffer. The Board felt itself justified in so doing, on the ground that the Synodical movement was a movement wholly in favor of Home Missions, and on the farther ground that, to whatever extent contributions were made to the Synodical Aid Fund, without lessening contributions to the Home Board, there was an actual gain to the general cause. On those same grounds, the Board now makes the appropriation for the lack of Synodical Aid up to the close of the first year, viz., to May 1st, 1888, an absolute appropriation, so that we enter the present year without unwelcome entailment from the past.

Your committee puts on record its deep thankfulness in view of the fact that, while upwards of \$15,000 was given to Synodical Aid during the year ending May 1st, 1888, the gifts to the Home Board proper were more than \$15,000 in excess of the former year. By such clear, strong evidence, the value of the plan itself is attested. There is good reason for believing that if the whole \$21,000 called for had been raised, there would have been no lessening of the noble amount actually given to the Home Board.

At the same time, we must consider the fact that, since May 1st, 1888, viz., during five months of the current year, the lack in the Synodical Aid Fund has renewed itself, and has reached the amount of several thousand dollars. This may be accounted for, in part, as being due to the general unfavorableness of the summer months for taking large collections. Yet the fact itself remains; and your committee recognizes it as an incentive to immediate and favorable action on the part of all churches which have not contributed during the present year. If each pastor, each church, will move with joyful promptness, in accordance with the Synod's plan, the current year will witness a glorious success, closing with the full amount desired. Let us move at once toward that result.

Your committee, in connection with its duty to "consider the interests of the work during the coming year," has taken under advisement the *name* now borne by the work, freely recognizing that that name was not wholly felicitous. It may, perhaps, be said of it, that it lacks suggestiveness in the way of rightly revealing the cause itself, and, for that reason, lacks, also, a needful charm and inspiration. The words, "Synodical Aid Fund," would hardly seem the natural designation of a work which comprises relief for our sister churches at our very side, and the opening of mission agencies where there is absolute spiritual lack. The term seems distant, and formal and cold, while the work is quick, as with the issues of life and death, and warm with the very throb of Christian sympathy and love. We, accordingly, venture to suggest "Home Aid" as a better designation of a work which is really so dear to us all. It is brief; it seems to us to possess a certain defining and inspiring quality, and to be sufficiently distinct from the general designation, "Home Missions." Could a felicitous name be chosen, and the word "sustentation" wholly disappear from our records and from our lips, as it has already disappeared from our actual work, the cause, we feel confident, would be advanced.

We therefore submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the present plan of caring for our own weak churches and our own mission fields, deserves, and hereby receives, the Synod's renewed and hearty approval; attention being herewith called to the great desirableness of having the sum assigned to each Presbytery apportioned by that Presbytery among its churches, according to their respective ability to meet it.

2. That the sum of fifteen cents per member be called for, for the year 1889-90.

An additional resolution providing that the name "Home Aid" be substituted for "Synodical Aid Fund," was recommitted, and the committee was continued.

The Synodical Superintendents presented the following report, which was accepted:

We have endeavored faithfully to prosecute the work assigned us, during the current year ending October 1, 1888. We report:

Congregations visited.....	218	Presided at election of Pastors.....	6
Sermons preached.....	277	Assisted at ordinations.....	4
Lord's Supper Administered.....	11	" " installations.....	4
Baptisms.....	12	" " organization of Churches....	2
Members received on profession.....	22	" " Laying of Corner Stones.....	2
" " by letter.....	10	Letters written.....	2,100
Funerals attended.....	5	Miles traveled.....	21,585
Marriages.....	3	Expenses.....	\$563.21
Meetings of Presbyteries attended.....	36	Received for preaching.....	\$597.75

Much work has been done in soliciting money for parsonages and churches.

It will be seen by these statistics that we have performed all kinds of work that fall to the lot of pastors. But, as we work in connection with Presbyterial Committees, and under their direction, independent results cannot be stated.

There has been considerable success in securing stated supplies and pastors for vacant fields. A good number of students has been employed during the summer vacation, with favorable results. Most of these fields are now seeking pastors. But there is a scarcity of men physically able, who are willing to go to the isolated, rural fields, and adapt themselves to the circumstances and live on the salaries offered. Still, the number of vacancies has been somewhat reduced. But the great wear and tear of our church work, both to men and to churches, is the modern Presbyterian itineracy. For the good of all, this needs to be controlled by the Episcopal authority of the Presbyteries.

As there has been opportunity, we have served self-sustaining churches and applied the proceeds to the expenses of our work. By this, the strong churches are stirred up to more interest in Synodical Aid, and the Synod is helped, financially.

The Synod needs more men, consecrated in spirit, and adapted by training and habits of life, to occupy fully the needy fields in its bounds. And it needs more money, given as the offerings of consecrated hearts in recognition of the obligations of Christian stewardship.

"Beginning at Jerusalem" in the support of the home church, this is the first benevolent work that confronts us, as we obey the command of the Master to "go into all the world"; first in the order of progress, first as the base of supplies for every succeeding step, and first in our affections, as we remember the old home altar, and think over the sacred memories of early training. This work, faithfully done, will

strengthen the Church for grand achievements; neglected, it will weaken her every effort.

With thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the year, and with kind remembrances of all who have aided us, we respectfully submit our annual report.

The Rev. Messrs. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., of the Synod of Missouri, and Henry Kendall, D. D., and Daniel W. Poor, D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

In behalf of the Stated Clerk, the following papers were reported, and the recommendation for their reference was adopted, namely:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. A memorial on the subject of the increase of Army Chaplains.
2. An overture from the Presbytery of Cayuga on the opening of the churches to the Synodical Superintendents.
3. A communication concerning the reports of the recent Missionary Conference in London.
4. A memorial from the Rev. John L. Gourlay.

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

1. A complaint of Alfred C. Vredenburgh against the Presbytery of North River.
2. An appeal of Benjamin Staunton from a decision of the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education presented a report, pending the reading of which

It was

Resolved, That a Committee of four ministers and three elders be appointed to prepare an expression of the views of the Synod on the Observance of the Lord's Day; the paper, if adopted, to be read at a popular meeting to be held under the direction of the Synod on Thursday evening.

The Committee was appointed as follows: the Rev. Messrs. Edward Bristol, George C. Curtis, D. D., James Otis Denniston, William Reed; Elders, Fred B. Curtiss, Louis Chapin and Tyler H. Abbey.

A recess was taken until half past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, a large congregation being present and joining in the service.

After a brief recess following the Communion, the business of the Synod was resumed.

The Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

In the absence of the Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, the first order of the day was passed, and the Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

The Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., the editor of *The Church at Home and Abroad*, presented the interests of that publication.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Dr. Nelson and Elder Warner Van Norden, in reference to proposed changes in *The Church at Home and Abroad*, and report what action, if any, it is desirable should be taken on the subject by this Synod.

The Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D. D., addressed the Synod in relation to his recent visit to the churches in Brazil, as one of the Commission, appointed by the General Assembly, to assist in the organization of the Synod of Brazil, and now députed by that Synod to bear its salutations to this body.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Synod and the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund were presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

Judicial Case No. 1. An appeal of Benjamin Staunton from a decision of the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

The committee, having examined the papers in the case, recommends,

1. That the appeal be found in order.
2. That a Commission, to hear and issue the appeal, be appointed as follows: Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, D.D., John Burrows, D.D., William S. Jerome, Henry Ward, George C. Yeisley, E. Wilmot Cumings, William Reed; Ruling Elders—Moses S. Converse, Joseph B. Sweet, Henry White, Lyman E. Jacobus, Franklin Field, Thomas Collins, Donald McDonald.

3. That in the absence of the counsel whom the appellant expected to represent him before the Synod, the Rev. William M. Johnson, D.D., be appointed to act in that capacity.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

After the recess, devotional services were held, a large congregation being present, and addresses on Home Missions were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. John Hall, D. D., Charles L. Thompson, D. D., and Henry Kendall, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions.

Adjourned until to-morrow at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present :

Presbytery of Columbia: Minister—Titus E. Davis.

Hudson: Minister—John Service.

Troy: Minister—Christopher G. Hazard; Elder—Thomas U. Davidson.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending

That it be the first order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College; and that at half-past eleven o'clock, the Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, address the Synod.

That it be the first order, this afternoon, to hear reports on the Records of the Presbyteries, to be followed, at three o'clock, by an address from the Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that the Memorial of the Rev. John L. Gourlay, which had been placed in its hands, is in the nature of a complaint, and recommended that it be transferred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented its report, which was accepted. Pending its consideration, the Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., President of the College, addressed the Synod.

The report is as follows :

Your committee, under the instructions of the Synod at its last meeting, has made earnest effort to prosecute the work committed to it.

There are difficulties which have stood in the way of the speedy consummation of our effort. Your committee has listened to the various objections which have been presented. It has also recognized the fact that the Synod and its committee have no jurisdiction over the affairs of Hamilton College.

Our distinct province in the work of securing the proposed endowment, according to the terms of the offer of the Trustees of Hamilton College, is indicated in the following resolution : "*Resolved*, That the Board expresses its willingness to be brought into still closer relations with the Presbyterian Church than those that now exist ; and, in case an endowment of \$300,000 shall be tendered to the College, this Board pledges itself to favor or procure such legislation as may be feasible or practicable, as well as to adopt such resolutions as may be deemed expedient, in order to bring the College into organic connection with the Synod of New York."

Your committee has been governed by the purport of this resolution, which has been accepted by the Synod, and has qualified all its action.

As a valuable assistance to the interest in Christian education among our churches, and as a help in forwarding the endowment, the Synod recommended that every Presbytery within its bounds seek to establish at least one Presbyterial scholarship for Hamilton College. In response to a letter to every Stated Clerk of twenty-six Presbyteries, it is learned that the Presbytery of Geneva is the only one which has taken action during the year, this Presbytery having paid nearly \$200 towards a scholarship.

The recommendation of the Synod, carried out by a committee in every Presbytery, would bring at least \$52,000 toward completing the endowment. The plan of scholarships in every Presbytery is worthy of careful consideration. As a method, it has the merit of bringing the endowment plan prominently before our churches, of enlisting the interest and service of members of our Presbyteries in behalf of Christian education, and securing the endorsement of those whose judgment is honored, and whose influence would unite many hearts in wise and effective efforts in behalf of the College.

Any committee is helpless which has to appeal to a cold heart. The responsibility of this movement must rest upon the conscience, sympathy and coöperation of this Synod. If Hamilton College could have such a place in the hearts of Presbyterians in this State, it would, soon, in opportunity, efficiency, and a wholesome religious influence, become the peer of any other institution in our country. Why should it not ?

Already our ministers and churches are debtors to Hamilton for what it has done in educating young men for Christian service. It will be difficult to find any institution, with the same facilities, and during the same period of time, which has contributed more largely to the Presbyterian ministry.

The Rev. George Bayless, an alumnus of the College, in response to an invitation of the committee, has rendered earnest and valued service for four weeks. He has visited several important centers, and in personal interviews urged the claims of the Synod's endowment plan. Members of the Committee, by large correspondence, and at personal expense, have conferred with friends of education, and sought to interest them in our work.

One member of the committee is erecting a building for the Christian Association of the College, and, by his generous contributions, has manifested his great interest in its welfare, and in the value of our endowment plan.

In regard to the present financial condition of the endowment fund, your committee, upon its appointment, gave a careful examination to all the subscriptions which had been made to this fund from the beginning, and found there had been paid to the College, in the aggregate, the amount of \$88,000. In a conference with the Trustees of the College, November 15, 1887, this claim was adjusted and established in the sum of \$80,000, which was, by resolution, acknowledged by the said Trustees as having been received by them upon the endowment fund to that date.

Since that time there appears to have been collected and paid to the College the sum of \$11,932.26, making the amount paid to the Trustees of the College to this date, \$91,932.26. To this should be added the cost of Silliman Hall, the erection of which has been legally guaranteed, and which is now in process of construction; a donation to the College, for special use, which will amount to \$14,000, making the total amount \$105,932.26 now on the endowment fund.

There has been subscribed conditionally during the year, \$5,000. There are, also, many unpaid subscriptions and pledges, which are considered good, and amount to \$45,000, making the total \$155,932.26. The committee, from conversations with several friends of education, has received encouragement to hope that other subscriptions will be made.

It is apparent, from the history of this effort for the past six years, that the endowment has been prosecuted amid many discouragements. Our appeal in behalf of Christian education, as crystalized in a College, under our fostering care, and equipped for a large service to the Church, has not met with a response which assures success to an effort which the Synod announced as of commanding importance.

We are impressed with the feeling that a failure in our effort would not only be disastrous to the best welfare of the College, but would also imperil interests which are vital to the increase of our ministry, the work of Theological Seminaries closely related with the College, and the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord. We, therefore, commend this effort anew to the thoughtful consideration of the members of the Synod, and ask their prayerful sympathy and most effective action.

The committee recommends:

1. That a new committee of eight ministers and six ruling elders or laymen be chosen, to carry forward such measures as the Synod may adopt for completing the endowment of Hamilton College in the sum of \$300,000.
2. That a committee of three be appointed to nominate the Endowment Committee for the ensuing year.

3. That the Synod authorize the Endowment Committee to secure, if practicable, the services of some competent person to act as financial agent in the work of securing the proposed endowment.

4. That the Endowment Committee be authorized to appropriate from the money received, a compensation for the services of its agent, not to exceed in amount \$40 per week, and such sums as may be required for his necessary traveling expenses.

5. That the Synod urge upon its ministers and elders the importance of this endowment, and upon the Presbyteries the need of immediate action in securing at least one Presbyterian scholarship for Hamilton College from every Presbytery of the Synod.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. George C. Yeisley and William S. Carter, and Elder Joseph B. Sweet, were appointed a Committee to nominate the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College, for the ensuing year.

In accordance with previous action, the Rev. Messrs. Robert F. Sample, D. D., and John Burrows, D. D., and Elder Harrison Teller, were appointed the Committee of Conference in relation to *The Church at Home and Abroad*.

The Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D.D., of the Synod of Missouri, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

Judicial Case No. 2. A complaint of Alfred C. Vredenburg, a member of the Church of Kingston, against the Presbytery of North River.

Mr. Vredenburg complains of the Presbytery for not regarding his protest against granting a letter of dismissal to one of its members. The records of the Presbytery show, however, that the protest was considered carefully. It also appears, from the records, that no charges were preferred against the minister in the case. It is therefore recommended that the complaint be not entertained, and that the papers accompanying it be returned to the complainant.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, and the reading of the report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education was completed.

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file. It concludes as follows:

Your committee is of the opinion that, with a few exceptions, the school system, in the various states, is doing substantially the same work to-day as during the last

half-century. At the same time there is a vast amount of loose thinking, and of careless, superficial legislation, concerning the matter, which make it imperative that the Synod, and the Church at large, should keep agitating the question until its importance is recognized by all, and its difficult and perplexing problems are satisfactorily adjusted. In view of the noteworthy increase of parochial schools, it is not too early, perhaps, for the State to secure and insist upon a legitimate supervision of all schools within its domain. And it is especially incumbent upon ministers and elders to study the problem in all its details, and to promote its solution by thoughtful discussion in the pulpit, on the platform, and in the public press.

Your committee suggests that the recommendations adopted by the Synod last year be reaffirmed and emphasized, and republished in the minutes of the present session.

The recommendations referred to were reaffirmed, and are as follows:

1. That the Synod affirm its conviction that our national vigor and permanence are guaranteed only by a religiously grounded morality.
2. That, without claiming it to be the province of the State to teach religion for religion's sake, the Synod should yet confess its belief that, in order to the State's own interest, there should be, in every school maintained by the State, the inculcation of such principles of dependence upon God and obligation to Him, as are essential to sound learning, safe character and wholesome citizenship.
3. That the Synod should encourage the appointment of such teachers as shall be in accord with the spirit of the second recommendation, and bring the entire weight of its influence to bear against whatever, by statement or suggestion, shall antagonize the claims of the God upon whom we depend and to whom we owe obligation.
4. That your committee should be continued to communicate to the Synod whatever information it may be able to secure as to the policy pursued in this particular in other Christian countries, and the results respectively reached; and to scrutinize and report upon whatever attempts may be made to introduce atheistic teaching into our public schools.
5. That the Synod should instruct its ministers publicly to recognize the difficulties in which the case is involved, and to bring those difficulties to bear as an argument for more thorough, intelligent and faithful religious instruction on the part of the family, the Sunday School and the Church.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Church Erection, addressed the Synod, and was followed, in accordance with the order of the day, by the Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Committees appointed to examine the Records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records, severally, be approved, as far as written, namely :

Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Buffalo, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, Nassau, New York, North Laos, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Champlain reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. On page 123, in the record of the meeting at Plattsburg, no mention is made that the meeting was closed with prayer.
2. On page 130, in the assignment of "Parts of Trial" to a candidate for licensure, no mention is made of a subject for a popular lecture having been assigned.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Hudson reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. On page 279, it is not stated that the report of the Committee of Arrangements was accepted.
2. On page 285, there is a similar omission in regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.
3. On page 279, there is no record of the election of a Moderator.
4. On page 287, there is no record of the closing of the meeting with prayer.
5. On page 293, it is not stated that the minutes of January 10, 1888, were approved.
6. On page 307, there is no record of the acceptance of the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Niagara reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. That pages 144, 152 and 168 are wholly blank.
2. That pages 139, 141, 151, 160 and 167 are largely blank.

3. There is no record that the minutes of January 30, 1888, were read and approved.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. That, in recording the minutes, the names of absentees are not noted.
2. That the full Christian names of ministers and elders are not given.

The report was adopted.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Lyons reported, and, in view of important questions raised, both records were referred to a new committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Rufus S. Green, D. D., Eliot H. Payson and Elder Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, Oroomiah and Siam were not presented.

The Committee on the Nomination of Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, presented its report, which was accepted, and upon its recommendation the following were duly elected :

TRUSTEES: John T. Rathbun, John I. Nicks, Newton P. Fassett, Wilson Phraner, Seymour Dexter and Anna B. Pratt, to serve for the ensuing term of three years.

EXAMINERS: Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D. D., and Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D., to serve for the ensuing term of three years.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College reported, recommending that the Committee be as follows: Ministers—Edward G. Thurber, D. D., Wilson Phraner, D. D., William S. Hubbell, D. D., Robert L. Bachman, Willis J. Beecher, D. D., Charles C. Hemenway, George C. Yeisley, J. Wilford Jacks; Elders—Horace B. Silliman, Theodore S. Hubbard, Charles A. Hawley, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, David H. Burrell, Logan C. Murray.

The report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn presented a report, which was recommitted; and the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., was added to the committee.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of the Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., and Rufus S. Green, D. D., be appointed to inquire, and report next year, as to the duties of Committees charged with examining the Records of Presbyteries.

A resolution concerning studies in Hebrew was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

In pursuance of the order of the day, the Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, addressed the Synod.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. David Boyd was heard in behalf of the American Bible Society.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented its annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following recommendations, concluding the report, were adopted:

The committee recommends and urges :

1. That more active and aggressive measures be taken for the speedy, liberal endowment of the College.
2. That, since the College, by the Synod's own act, is under its fostering care, the fact be made more apparent, in the coming year, by the earnest, practical interest manifested in its welfare by all the ministers and churches within our bounds.
3. That the prior claims of Elmira College be carefully considered by those parents who have daughters looking forward to a liberal education.
4. That, in the coming observance of the Day of Prayer for Colleges—the last Wednesday in January—Elmira College and its interests be made a special subject of prayer throughout our whole Synod.
5. That a printed circular containing these several recommendations be sent, at an early day, to each pastor and Session in the Synod.

The annual financial report of the Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Committee on the Endowment of Elmira College presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:

The committee respectfully recommends that a new Committee be appointed by the Moderator to carry out the resolution passed at Elmira two years ago, namely:

“It is recommended that all pastors and stated supplies be urged to give personal interest and attention to the raising of a fund of \$50,000 to be a perpetual scholarship fund for aiding ministers of the Synod in the education of their daughters. It is

hoped that a majority of the pastors will, by personal effort, each obtain \$100 for this fund, before the next meeting of the Synod."

The following were appointed the committee for the ensuing year: Ministers—John McLachlan, George B. Spalding, D. D., Samuel Dunham, Henry H. Stebbins, D.D., John S. Bacon, George Alexander, D.D., John McC. Holmes, D. D., Wilson Phraner, D. D.; Elders—Daniel W. McWilliams, Warner Van Norden, John G. K. Truair.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was adopted:

From the earliest period of our colonial and national history, the Sunday rest, wherein are prohibited all worldly business and labor, except works of necessity and charity, has, not only as a religious, but a civil, institution, been maintained as necessary to the material and moral welfare of individual citizens, and of the State. In view of this fact, we believe that the growing, flagrant desecration of the Lord's Day, within the bounds of this Synod, calls for a clear and earnest utterance by this body on the subject. Therefore—

1. Resting the obligation for the sacred observance of the Lord's Day on the divine foundations of God's Word and Providence, we declare our disapproval of all forms of private and public desecration of the day.

2. We call the especial attention of the members of our churches and congregations to the attempt which is made to introduce into the villages and cities of this State, business and social Sunday customs by which a part, if not the whole, of the Lord's Day is to be robbed of the quiet and sacred character it heretofore has had in this land. The result of such endeavors is to convert the day into one of public amusement, with great consequent demoralization, as well as large increase of labor on the part of very many laboring people.

3. We call attention to the Sunday excursions, by railroads and steamboats, to great week-day resorts, where popular amusements are carried on, and large, miscellaneous crowds gather. This form of desecration is assuming immense proportions in this State. We believe such Sunday excursions are detrimental to the best and dearest interests of those who visit these places, and to the homes and communities whence they come. We earnestly call upon the members of our churches, by example and influence, both in private and public, to discountenance such excursions, and seek their discontinuance.

4. The publishing, circulating and reading of Sunday newspapers, we believe to be dissipating and injurious to the spiritual and right observance of the day. We, therefore, call upon the members of our churches to abstain from taking the Sunday newspaper, and from the use of it as a medium of advertising.

5. We affectionately urge all the members of our churches to avoid all business and pleasure travel on the Lord's Day; and all such social Sunday entertainments as tend to compromise Christian character and the influence of the Christian Church.

6. Most earnestly do we plead that the rest and religious blessings of the Lord's Day be extended to all those who serve in the homes, or are employed otherwise by the members of our churches.

Your committee recommends, as effective agencies:

First—The appointment of a committee to have the interests of this object in charge, in connection with the meetings of the Synod, and to seek its promotion within the bounds of the Synod during the year.

Second—That on the second Lord's Day of May all our ministers be requested to present specially to their congregations the claims of the Lord's Day.

Third—That it be recommended to the elders of our churches to secure the publication, in the papers of their localities, of the action of this body, and to use all effective means to keep the question of Sabbath observance before the members of their congregations.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

The committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and it finds the same correct.

The amount in the Treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is \$1,056.58.

It is recommended :

That the rate of apportionment for the coming year be one-half cent for each communicant; but that the officers of the Synod be authorized to increase the rate, if extraordinary expenses should render it necessary.

There has, also, been placed in the hands of the committee a report of the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund, exhibiting the fact that there has been received, to October 1, 1888, the sum of \$9,219.40, and expended to the same date, \$22,698.44, showing an apparent debit balance of \$13,479.04. Inasmuch as no detailed account is given of the sources of these receipts, and, for reasons assigned, no vouchers for expenditures are presented, your committee considers that it has no duty in the premises beyond this presentation of the facts.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

This school of learning, by its record of the past year, has proved itself worthy of the confidence and generous support of the Presbyterian churches of the State, which, by the action of this Synod, have taken it under their fostering care. It has behind it the prestige of an honorable history. Its graduates have won distinction in the Colleges of the country, and in the service of the State and Church. It occupies a large territory, where it alone represents the cause of a higher Christian education. Its grade of scholarship is shown by the last report of the State Regents, which places it third upon the list of institutions of its kind. It is the center of a town of unusual outward beauty, and of the best social and religious influences. It has a faculty which is alive to its interests, and a corp of teachers devoted to the development of a broad and thorough culture, and strong, religious character in their pupils. The institution is free from debt, and its buildings are in excellent condition, a proof of the conscientiousness of its management.

But it greatly needs a permanent endowment. It would not require a large sum to insure its abiding prosperity, making it to be a powerful feeder to our Colleges, and

a source of strength to every good cause and institution in our State. An investment made in Adams Collegiate Institute by private beneficence, or the concerted action of the churches, would yield splendid returns, in ever increasing dividends of spiritual blessing, through all the years to come.

It is recommended that a Committee of Visitors to this institution be appointed for the present year, and that it confer with the faculty to the end that some effective plan may be adopted for its ample endowment.

The Judicial Commission, appointed in Judicial Case No. 1, presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered in the minutes :

The Judicial Commission appointed to try the appeal of Benjamin Staunton from the action of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, first, in declaring him under suspension, and second, in refusing to grant him a letter of dismissal, was duly convened and constituted with prayer ; the roll was called, and the chairman solemnly reminded its members that they were sitting as a court of Jesus Christ.

The case was conducted in all respects in accordance with the revised Book of Discipline. The appeal, and the action of the Presbytery appealed from, were read. The Rev. Robert D. Sproull, the counsel for the Presbytery, and the Rev. William M. Johnson, D. D., the counsel appointed by the Synod to represent the appellant, were heard, in connection with all the papers and evidence in the case ; and the fact was considered that the minutes of the Presbytery, containing its action in the premises, had been approved by the Synod.

After due consideration, and the calling of the roll, the commission adopted the following as its finding in the case :

That the appeal, as respects both items, is not sustained, for the reasons : first, that the appeal is based upon a clerical error, which the Presbytery corrected ; and second, that there is no evidence that the suspension was removed.

L. MERRILL MILLER,

Chairman.

WILLIAM S. JEROME,
Clerk.

The Committee on the Nomination of the Woman's Committee of Home Missions presented a report, which was adopted, recommending the following as

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. James W. Mairs, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss M. G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida Storrs, Miss Editha Stephens.

Boston—Mrs. Charles C. Wallace, Miss Elizabeth M. Kimball, Mrs. Andrew Burrows, Miss Jennie F. McKissick.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Hiram B. Jackson, Miss Grace E. Cook, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Cruikshank.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. Herman Mynter, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen Hawley.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. F. Markoe Cummins, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Seth B. Cole.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. P. R. Reilley, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Littell, Miss Sara J. Adams.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess.

Nassau—Mrs. Lewis Lampman, Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Mrs. George H. Payson.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. Magill, Mrs. A. B. Browning.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. C. H. Fowler.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Mrs. Charles J. Howell, Miss Anna S. Ludlum.

Otsego—Mrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, Mrs. Horace H. Allen, Miss Catharine Roseboom.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kirtledge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. David R. Eddy.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss P. T. Hubbard, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke.

Steuben—Mrs. William A. Niles, Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Mrs. William H. Rice, Miss Mary Lockhart.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. N. E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. J. E. Myers, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Mrs. Albert H. Chester, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss A. Loomis.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Mrs. Edgar L. Heermance, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. F. A. Walker.

The Trustees of the Synod presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Trustees of the Synod of New York respectfully report that no business has come before them during the past Synodical year.

The term of office of the following members of the Board ends with the present sessions of the Synod : Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., William Allen Butler, Esq., and John C. Tucker, Esq.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Erskine N. White, D. D., Horace C. Stanton, Ph. D., and Elder James Bayles, was appointed to nominate Trustees in place of those whose term of office now expires.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday School Work presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The membership of the Rev. Frederick S. Barnum, in this committee, has ceased, through his dismissal to another ecclesiastical body.

Mr. Edward Danforth, another member, entered into rest June 13, 1888. He was a communicant in the First Church of Elmira. His professional work was that of teacher, school commissioner, and superintendent of schools, in LeRoy, Batavia and Clarkson, N. Y., in Grand Rapids, Mich., and in Troy and Elmira, N. Y. In the interval between his service in Troy and that in Elmira, he was, for two terms, Deputy State Superintendent. He has long been connected prominently with the New York State Sunday School Association. For the past nineteen years he has acted as its Secretary, devoting his time and energies to the work without compensation.

Your committee recommends that the attention of the Presbyteries be called to the importance of pushing the Sunday School work within their respective bounds; especially to the importance of holding popular Sunday School meetings and institutes of instruction, and of organizing methods for making each Sunday School a nucleus for systematic parish missionary work.

At the last meeting of the Synod, the following resolution was referred to this committee :

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday School Work be instructed to recommend some definite plan of supervision by the Church Sessions in relation to the appointment of superintendents and teachers.

In pursuance of this instruction, your committee reports as follows :

1. It should be distinctly recognized that the work of the Sunday School, being a part of the spiritual work of the Church, is under the supervision of the Session.

2. Provided this fact be recognized, it is better to leave the mode of exercising this supervision to the wisdom of each particular Session, rather than restrict the Sessions by rules.

At present, the officers of some schools are appointed by the Session, while those of others are elected by the congregation, by the school, or by the teachers. In some cases the teachers are chosen by the Session; in others, by the superintendent, or by the class; in others, by some combination of these methods; while in other instances still different methods of selection are adopted. Which of these is best, depends largely on the history and the present condition of a congregation, and on the materials of which the Session and the school, respectively, are composed. But it is a matter of fact that the Sunday School officers, in each congregation, are now chosen, like the elders and deacons, under the supervision of the Session, but "in the mode most approved and in use in that congregation." Your committee sees no reason why this liberty should be abridged.

In dealing with Sunday Schools, Sessions should bear in mind the following principles :

(a.) A Session, except as limited by some peculiarity of local constitution, has ecclesiastically the power to take the affairs of the Sunday School into its own hands, and should exercise this power if the exercise of it becomes needful in order to prevent great harm.

(*b.*) The supervision of the pastor and elders may be just as real and effective in that which they do through others, or even in that which they merely allow others to do, as in that which they do directly.

(*c.*) It is not best to disturb existing usages, except for clearly sufficient reasons.

(*d.*) Ordinarily, the workers in any department know most about the work, and should have their wishes consulted in its management.

(*e.*) The question as to what control a Session should attempt in the Sunday School depends partly on the question how far the members of the Session are serving in the school, and what help the school receives from the Session.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education was instructed to report next year the full legal status of the question before them, in the State of New York, and the actual practice of its schools in the chief cities and towns; the expense of mailing such letters and circulars on the subject, as may be necessary, to be borne by the Synod, to an amount not exceeding fifty dollars.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and engaged in devotional services, the Moderator presiding, and a large congregation being present and uniting.

The action of the Synod respecting the observance of the Lord's Day was read by the Rev. Edward Bristol.

Addresses on the same topic were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. William R. Taylor and John Hall, D. D., and the Moderator.

After prayer, the business of the Synod was resumed.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting reported that a cordial invitation had been received to hold the next annual session in the Church of Poughkeepsie, and recommended its acceptance, with the thanks of the Synod.

The report was adopted, and the Church of Poughkeepsie was designated as the place of the next meeting of the Synod.

The Session of that Church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

Your visitors to Auburn Seminary report that they discharged the duties laid upon them, attending the closing examinations of the year, and the public exercises of graduation. They were gratified with the evidences of thorough and faithful work on the part of both faculty and students. While lamenting the loss of the invaluable services of Prof. Upson, whom may the Lord bless forever, they marked with pleasure the vigor and enthusiasm with which his successor has taken up his work.

They reiterate the recommendation of former visitors, that means be speedily secured for a new building to take the place of the present ancient and dilapidated structure which serves for a chapel and recitation-rooms. Noting with pleasure that the treasury had a balance on hand at the close of the year, they yet feel the necessity of a general utility fund of \$50,000, whose income only shall be available. The visitors were happy to note that the number of students during the year has been as great as at any time since the War, and that the outlook seems in all points satisfactory.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

We can but contemplate with alarm and sorrow the multiplied evils of intemperance; and we regard the American saloon as the formidable bulwark of this horrible curse. Without utility, justification or excuse, it exists as the open foe of the Church, the Lord's day, the home, and the school; the prolific fountain of pauperism and crime; the destroyer of youth; the waster of resources; the heaviest oppressor of the laboring classes; and the most threatening menace to the integrity of the ballot, the purity of legislation and the enforcement of laws; an institution by its very nature inimical to virtue and welfare, patriotism and religion.

We favor all practicable legislation, on the basis of uncompromising righteousness, against this evil. To this judgment we are the more impelled, by the recent and startling innovations upon the Day of Rest and its institutions, by which we are forced to the conclusion that the issue against the saloon involves all that is dear and sacred to the Church of God.

Your committee can do no less than reaffirm the declarations which are herewith quoted literally from the utterances of the General Assembly, reaching back to 1812:

That it is the duty of our ministers to "preach pointedly and solemnly" on this subject; that "all forms and fashions that would countenance to any extent the sin of intemperance should be avoided; that vigorous efforts to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating drinks should be urged;" and that "the entire extinction of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage should be kept in view, as the goal to which we look forward."

We recommend faithful temperance work in all our Sunday Schools and Congregations; and as far as practicable the use of such temperance literature as is supplied by the Assembly's Committee on Temperance.

We farther recommend that all our Churches bear their proportionate share of expenses, by annual collections taken for the treasury of this Committee of the Assembly.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn reported, recommending that they be approved as far as written.

The report was adopted.

The Committee of Conference on matters relating to *The Church at Home and Abroad* presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee has conferred with the General Assembly's Committee on *The Church at Home and Abroad*, and has heard its statements, and those of the editor, concerning certain proposed improvements in the typography, illustrations, maps and general appearance of the said magazine, and their intention to engage the best available writers in this country and in foreign countries as contributors to the same; it being understood that these improvements in the matter, and the material used, will necessitate an advance in the subscription price to \$1.50 per annum. Your committee, after a careful consideration of the whole matter, heartily approves the changes and improvements proposed; and being deeply impressed with the importance of the more general diffusion of information relative to the several departments of Church work represented in this publication, earnestly commends it to the favorable notice of all our pastors and their congregations, and solicits for it their most generous support.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee met in the council-room of the University, all the members being present, on Thursday, May 3, and was cordially welcomed by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and several of the professors. In the chapel, the members were received by the students, and a pleasant hour was spent in the interchange of courtesies. Afterwards a tour was made of the class-rooms and libraries, the laboratory and observatory, with an opportunity of observing the character of the work done in each, by listening to the recitations of students, and to the statements of professors respecting courses and methods of study, and by an inspection of the apparatus.

The committee wishes not only to express its delight with what it heard and saw, but also to congratulate the Synod that an institution of learning, so large, important and flourishing as the University of the City of New York, has placed itself in close connection with the Synod, and invited the Synod's watch and care. Its situation is unique for accessibility, being at a center which may be reached in an hour's time by any of a population of three millions. Its three departments of Arts and Sciences, Medicine and Law, offer opportunities for instruction second to none in the land. Its firm adherence to the evangelical faith makes it a strong pillar in the Church of America. Its high requirements in scholarship keep it abreast with the demands of the times. While its gratuitous tuition, in at least one of its departments, enables it to proffer the benefits of higher education to students, who, through straitened circumstances, might otherwise be debarred from obtaining them.

The special aim of the University is three-fold: 1. To maintain a standard American college of not over 250 under-graduate students. 2. To afford graduate courses in arts and science. 3. To give advanced professional training in the departments of law, medicine, pedagogy, engineering and chemistry. The advantages of place are conspicuous, especially for the graduate courses, students having free access to the finest libraries and richest museums in the land.

The value of the University property is reckoned at \$700,000, exclusive of the Medical College property. The latter is valued at \$300,000. Upon this, however, is an incumbrance of \$80,000. It is hoped that this will soon be cleared away by the generosity of friends, when the property of the University will be estimated at a round million of dollars. The stated annual income from endowment funds is a little over \$30,000, which is appropriated wholly to the Department of Arts, the expenses of the faculties of medicine and law being met by students' fees. In the Medical Department, however, there are upwards of seventy-five beneficiary students, whose expense are met by scholarships. A larger number of medical missionaries, irrespective of ecclesiastical relations, take diplomas from the New York University than from any other Medical College. These young men receive their tuition free.

A valuable addition, presented by Col. Elliott F. Shepard, has lately been made to the Law Department, from the extensive law library of the late Judge Aaron J. Vanderpoel.

The present enrolment of students is as follows: Arts and Sciences, 166; Law, 95; Medicine, 650; making a total of 911. During the year two additional professors have taken their places in the Faculty of Arts: Mr. Francis H. Stoddard in the department of English Language and Literature, and Mr. Robert W. Hall in that of Chemistry. A great enlargement has recently been made in the latter department, by the addition of an assay laboratory, and the perfecting of apparatus, and by the introduction of a small engine with a plant for electric light; a large portion of the hitherto unused basement of the building having been fitted up for this purpose.

The committee calls attention to an important step taken by the University about a year ago in the establishment of a School of Pedagogy, which offers advantages of professional study to teachers, such as cannot elsewhere be obtained. It receives only such persons as have had already two years at least of actual and successful experience in teaching, and undertakes to instruct them in the philosophy of education. This it does by a three years' course of study. There are two lectures delivered every week to each of the three classes. The course covers, 1. A History of Educational Thought; 2. The Science of Education; 3. Methodology. The last includes the organization, supervision and management of schools; the art of grading and arranging school work; school law; the art of teaching and governing; the philosophy and methods of instruction in the various branches, etc. The faculty of the school consists of three professors; Dr. Jerome Allen, Dr. Edgar D. Shimer, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. The teachers now in attendance number seventy-five, twenty-five of whom are graduates of colleges. The work done and the course of study pursued have received high encomiums from several of the best educational authorities of the country.

In conclusion the committee expresses its hearty appreciation of the value of the University of the City of New York to the cause of sound education in America, and unqualified confidence in the Council and Faculty, while it rejoices in the present and prospective prosperity of the University in all departments.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the Synod, in place of those whose term of office now expires, presented a report recommending the following persons, who, thereupon, were duly elected Trustees of the Synod for the term of three years: The Rev. Messrs. Howard Crosby, D. D., and Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., and William Allen Butler and John C. Tucker, Esqrs.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Theological Seminaries, Colleges, etc., reported, recommending the following appointments:

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—John S. Bacon, Theodore W. Hopkins, Douglas P. Birnie, James R. Robinson, Alexander G. Russell; *Elders*—Andrew J. Warner, Joseph B. Sweet, Franklin Field.

UNION SEMINARY: *Ministers*—William R. Taylor, Robert F. Sample, D. D., Gerard B. F. Hallock, Robert L. Bachman, D. D., E. Wilmot Cumings; *Elders*—William C. Martin, James Rodgers, Darwin R. James.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; *Ministers*—Archibald McCullagh, D. D., George A. Howard, D. D., Amasa S. Freeman, D. D., Arthur Newman, B. Van Vliet Putnam, Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., George B. Spalding, D. D., Franklin B. Dwight; *Elder*—Robert Carter.

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—Charles P. Coit, Edward G. Thurber, D. D., Chandler N. Thomas; *Elder*—George H. Beckwith.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, calling attention to the following items:

Page 51: The Assembly enjoins that "prayer be offered for a supply of well-furnished and godly ministers, by our private members, our ministers and all our Church courts."

Page 56: The last Wednesday, instead of Thursday, in January, is designated as the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

Page 60: Presbyteries are recommended to utilize Ruling Elders in conducting services in destitute neighborhoods and vacant congregations.

Page 72: Concerning improper advertisements in religious newspapers:

"The General Assembly disclaims all responsibility for, or authority over, religious journals which are not published under its direction. Nevertheless, as many of these papers are edited by ministers of our Church, circulate largely among our people, are looked upon as, in some degree, representing the Church, and appeal to patronage on that ground, the Assembly earnestly deprecates the prevalence of improper advertisements in their columns. In particular, it disapproves of all such advertisements as involve the essential principle of a lottery; also such as promise or encourage investors to expect highly improbable returns from capital invested; and, thirdly, all those advertisements of patent medicines which are dishonest in form, fraudulent in substance, or prejudicial to the refinement, modesty and purity of the home life."

Page 84: The first Lord's Day of November is recommended as a day of prayer for Foreign Missions; the week following, or some other soon succeeding, to be devoted to simultaneous meetings at centers of influence within the bounds of the respective Synods, for which Synodical or Presbyterial Committees shall make provision.

The Committee to nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance reported, recommending the following appointments: Ministers—Charles P. Coit, Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D.; Elders—George S. White, Frank M. Ellery.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report:

Paper No. 1. From the Presbytery of Cayuga, in relation to the importance of opening the Churches to the Synodical Superintendents.

It is recommended, that in view of the importance of the Synodical Aid Plan, and of the co-operation of all our Churches in fostering it, pastors are urged to explain the scheme for the information of the people, and to place it among the objects to be presented for an annual offering; and, where it is practicable, to call upon the Superintendents to present the object to vacant congregations, and assist pastors in this work as their services may be needed.

Paper No. 2. A communication from Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., relating to the published volumes of the reports of the late Missionary Conference held in London.

It is recommended that the paper be read to the Synod for information, no farther action being required.

Paper No. 3. A memorial concerning an increase in the number of Army Chaplains.

The following action is recommended:

The Synod of New York records its sense of the importance of the movement toward this end, now receiving attention from the leading denominations of the country, and adopts the following:

1. It is eminently desirable that suitable chaplains should be provided for all posts occupied by troops, and that they should be encouraged by the incentives of promotion and increase of pay, as in the case of the medical corps, in addition to a wise plan of appointments. The number should be increased, also, that ample provision may be made for religious services, and the moral and religious improvement of the army be promoted in every possible way.

2. A Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Henry Darling, D. D., John McC. Holmes, D. D., and Ruling Elders Warner Van Norden and Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, is hereby appointed, to consult with similar committees in bringing the matter to the attention of Congress, and in all other suitable ways to seek the accomplishment of the end desired.

3. The Stated Clerk is requested to communicate this action to the Rev. Orville J. Nave, Post-Chaplain of the Army, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Paper No. 4. Calling attention to the project of simultaneous meetings in behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Committee, while in full sympathy with the object of the paper, recommends that no action be taken at the present time.

Paper No. 5. A resolution, referred by the Synod to this Committee, concerning studies in Hebrew.

It is recommended that no action be taken.

The recommendations were severally adopted; and Paper No. 2 was read to the Synod.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

Judicial Case No. 3.—A Complaint of the Rev. John L. Gourlay against the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

It is recommended that the Complaint be dismissed, for the following reasons:

1. The complainant has not appeared either in person or by counsel, nor does it appear that he has made any effort to be represented.
2. The papers are not in order.
3. The case has been acted upon already by the Synod [Minutes of 1886, pp. 44, 45.]

The Committee appointed last year to "take such action as it may deem best, for obtaining an authoritative decision from the courts of the State upon the subject of the powers of the Trustees of a Presbytery," presented the following report:

The decision desired is one of great importance, and one which your committee would have been glad to secure. The courts of the State, however, do not render decisions upon hypothetical cases. The Court of Appeals, especially, decides only such matters as are brought under its review by appeal from a lower judicatory. To conduct a case through the several courts involves considerable expense. And as the Synod made no provision for defraying this expense, your committee has felt itself unauthorized to commence and carry forward even a friendly litigation until a decision should be obtained in the court of final resort. No action in the matter, therefore, has been taken by your committee.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half-hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

It was

Resolved, That the second order of business on the second day of every annual session shall be the subject of Synodical Aid, and the hearing of the reports of the Synodical Superintendents.

An overture to the General Assembly in relation to the keeping of the minutes of a Presbytery in printed form, only, was presented, and was referred, together with proposed amendments, to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., and Rufus S. Green, D. D., and Elder Edward P. Durant.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Pastoral Letter presented its report, which was adopted.

It was ordered that the Letter be printed in the appendix to the minutes, and that it be read in the churches of the Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Lyons presented a report, recommending:

1. That these Records be approved, as far as written, with the exception of those portions which relate to the installation of a pastor over the Victory and Second Wolcott Churches.

2. That, in view of the limited time now remaining before the close of the sessions, and the important constitutional questions involved in these installations, those portions of the minutes here excepted to be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Stated and Permanent Clerks and Elder Edward Wells, to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

The report was adopted.

The Committee of Correspondence with the Presbytery of Oroomiah presented the following report:

The Committee respectfully reports that no business has been submitted to its consideration during the past year.

In the earlier portion of its service as much, perhaps, was accomplished as, for the present, can be expected in the peculiar circumstances. It refers, therefore, to the previous action of the Synod, and assures the Presbytery of Oroomiah of the unabated and affectionate interest taken by this body in all that affects the welfare of the work on that field, and its sympathy with the brethren in their patient dealing with the difficult and important problems to be solved. In view, however, of the improbability of any immediate need of farther action upon the questions submitted, the committee asks to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

It was

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of New York earnestly admonishes the Churches under its care which have no Deacons, to complete their organization according to our Constitution, by electing and installing Deacons as soon as possible.

2. That it commends to the Churches the practice of making the Deacons a special committee of the Church, to study, develop and call forth the beneficence of the Congregation, by all proper means, under the supervision of the Session.

The Committee of Visitors to the Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee desires to express, with emphasis, its appreciation of the cordial welcome extended by the different examiners; of their courtesy in permitting its members to question the students; and of the facilities for a thorough inspection which were afforded by all connected with the institution.

The final examinations occurred on the last day in April, and the first four days in May. The anniversary exercises, at which, also, by special invitation, the committee was represented, took place on May 8th.

Two of the three Ministers and one of the two Ruling Elders, appointed by the Synod, were present either the whole or a part of this time. Your committee calls attention to the fact, that while the Visitors to this Seminary in 1883 were ten, that number has gradually been diminished, until, for the last two years, there have been only five appointed. It is hardly possible for so small a committee to be present, with a fair degree of satisfaction, at all the examinations. Three of these are conducted in different rooms at the same time. The difficulty is not one of calling a large committee together, but of so apportioning the work that some member shall be present at each examination. It is plainly desirable to enlarge the committee so that it shall be constituted of at least five ministers and three elders.

With deep sorrow we refer to the death of Elder William F. Lee, one of the members of this committee, which occurred in March. All are familiar with the alacrity and acceptance with which that honored man was wont to discharge any duty to which he was assigned.

In fulfilling its appointment, your committee was most favorably impressed, not only with the marked ability and devotion of the professors, but, also, as far as the examinations revealed, and with few exceptions, with the proficiency of the students in the several departments of study. The piety and ability of the latter, as being equal to their work, were farther illustrated by the papers which were read, and the subjects which were discussed, in connection with the closing exercises.

The examinations, as far as attended, were oral; and, while they were, in the main, thorough and well-sustained, giving satisfaction seemingly to the professors, your committee suggests the desirableness of making them, in some measure, written, as well as oral. The suggestion is offered in view of the gratification which was felt, especially, in the examinations in Old Testament religion, and in Hebrew and Greek Exegesis, where, at the beginning of the hour, a specific passage or subject was assigned to each student, who was required not only to give answer to a few leading questions, but to relate connectedly what he knew of his theme. This afforded, by far, the better test of the scholarship reached.

The total number of students reported was 132. Of these 33 were graduated at the close of the seminary year. Five of them were appointed to the foreign field;

and one most gratifying feature of the year was the adoption of one of these as the missionary of the students themselves. Of the 51 members of the Junior class, 48 had earlier connection with colleges or universities, at least 45 of them being graduates.

The committee learned with pleasure of the success attending the employment of the students in active religious work, under the appointed Superintendent of Mission Work. This cannot but lead to their greater fitness for successful pastoral labor.

By the addition, during the year, of 900 volumes and pamphlets, the number of these in the seminary library has now reached a full 100,000.

The following changes in the arrangement of instruction are reported: Dr. Philip Schaff has been appointed to the Washburn Professorship of Church History, formerly held by Dr. Roswell D. Hitchcock; Dr. Marvin R. Vincent has been appointed to the Baldwin Professorship of Sacred Literature, formerly held by Dr. Schaff; Dr. Thomas S. Hastings has been appointed to the Presidency. The committee joins with the entire Synod in congratulating the seminary on the new acquisitions and appointments.

In closing its report, the committee commends this institution to the continued confidence and still greater sympathy and support of the Church, and to the constant prayers of God's people that the beloved professors may long be spared to their noble work, and that the students may have always not only intellectual culture, but high spiritual attainment.

The Moderator was authorized to increase the number of visitors to Auburn and Union Seminaries, so that the committee to each shall consist of five ministers and three elders.

The Committee appointed to seek the amendment of the Marriage Laws of the State of New York presented the following report, which was accepted:

A memorial addressed to the Legislature of the State, outlining three distinct phases of the subject, touching the marriage of minors, a system of licenses, and the provisions affecting divorce, was prepared by your committee January 24, 1888, and copies of the same were sent to prominent members of both Houses of the Legislature. The general subject was by letter, also, repeatedly urged upon the attention of that body.

In the line of this memorial a bill was carefully drawn by one of your committee, Senator Edward C. Walker, by whom it was advocated and pressed to passage in the Senate by a nearly unanimous vote of twenty-five to one. In the Assembly it was favorably received, and was brought to a third reading; but was left eventually to die with the close of the session.

Your committee regrets that a measure which seemed to meet so well the requirements of the memorial should have failed to become a law.

The committee was continued, with instructions to press the subject on the attention of the Legislature of the State of New York.

The Woman's Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

We are able to report \$50,622.05 for the year ending April, 1888, an advance over last year of \$13,212.99. Twenty Presbyteries have made a commendable advance. Six, we regret to say, have fallen behind in their contributions. One of these, however, has already taken a step forward, and will, undoubtedly, show a marked increase for the coming year. There are thirty-four teachers supported, and fifty-four scholarships provided for. The work is in operation in Alaska, Colorado, Dakota, Idaho, Indian Territory, New Mexico, North Carolina, Utah and among the Freedmen. Hospital work has also been receiving attention. To the building fund there has been contributed \$8,095.69.

Boxes of clothing and household comforts have been sent to families of home missionaries, to the value of \$31,271.57. Our societies number 518, and bands number 244. It is hoped that the special efforts for the centennial year will not react unfavorably upon this work, but rather stimulate to more earnest service. Grateful for encouragements from pastors, elders and others in the past, we eagerly anticipate even more for the future. May efforts and prayers be redoubled in His name, to save our country for the blessed Redeemer!

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church reports its total number of auxiliaries as 900; and its receipts for the past year, ending April, 1888, as \$62,544. Of this amount, \$55,419 was contributed by its 843 societies, Sunday School organizations and bands, within the bounds of the Synod of New York. The board now has under its care forty-nine missionaries, seven of whom are just entering upon their work. The special meetings for praise and prayer, so generally observed by the auxiliaries, during November last, were productive of great good. From every quarter there came the tidings of thorough and earnest preparation; then of large and delightful gatherings; and the praise offerings added several thousand dollars to the treasury. Many of the societies are planning for similar services this coming November.

Throughout the year the cry has been sounding far and wide for workers—more workers! It is with a renewed assurance in the power of fervent prayer, and with untold rejoicing, that this board has recently added to its missionary roll nine new names. But the cry is not yet silenced; and from the circle of missionaries in eleven foreign countries there is still heard the call for help, either in schools or homes, or among the sick and suffering in the hospitals and dispensaries. The board is now domiciled beneath the roof of the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, where friends will be made welcome; where weekly meetings are held, and whence goes forth the Presbyterian women's foreign missionary magazine, *Woman's Work for Woman*, etc. More than 6,000,000 pages of leaflets were published by this board the past year.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the sympathy and interest bestowed upon many of the auxiliaries by the pastors and officers of the churches within this Synod, and the board bespeaks for itself their continued helpfulness and prayer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church:

Chairman, Rev. Lansing Van Schoonhoven.

Home Missions: Rev. John H. Eastman, Elder Perrin H. McGraw.

Foreign Missions: Rev. George O. Phelps, Elder John H. Osborne.

Education: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Elder Charles L. Hubbard.

Publication and Sabbath School Work: Rev. Robert A. Davison, Elder Tyler H. Abbey.

Church Erection: Rev. Robert D. Sproull, Elder William Bradley.

Ministerial Relief: Rev. Hamilton B. Holmes, Elder William A. Wheelock.

Missions for Freedmen: Rev. Edward M. Deems, Elder Edwin E. Shutt.

Aid for Colleges: Rev. John C. Mead, Elder Horace B. Silliman.

To prepare the Pastoral Letter for next year: The Rev. Messrs. Isaac Jennings and George C. Curtis, D. D., and Elder William J. Donovan.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday School Work: The Rev. Messrs. Edward G. Thurber, D. D., Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D., William Reed, and Elders Darwin R. James, Horace B. Silliman, Theodore S. Hubbard.

On Promoting the Observance of the Lord's Day: The Rev. Messrs. Edward Bristol, William A. Rice, William R. Taylor, and Elders Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Samuel B. Howe.

The committee to which was referred an Overture, with amendments, on the subject of printed minutes, reported the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be sent as an Overture to the next General Assembly:

WHEREAS, The Presbytery of Westchester presented its minutes to the Synod in a printed form, and this form has not distinctively been authorized by the Assembly in the case of Presbyteries; and,

WHEREAS, The Synod approved the minutes of the said Presbytery; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts were expressed by a considerable minority, as to the constitutional right of Presbyteries to present their minutes in this form;

Therefore, the Synod of New York respectfully overtures the Assembly to make a definite deliverance as to whether the principle established in relation to the records of Synods, Minutes of 1884, page 79, does not apply to those of the Presbyteries also.

It was

Resolved, That the Assembly be requested, in case the foregoing overture is answered in the affirmative, to give a similar deliverance concerning the application of the principle to the records of Church Sessions.

It was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk have authority to modify the record of approval on the minutes of the Presbytery of Westchester, making the approval subject to the action of the Assembly, in answer to the foregoing overture.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that, for reasons which appeared to be sufficient, permission had been granted to the following members to withdraw from the Synod before the close of its sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—Robert A. Davison; Elders—James W. Mairs, Samuel B. Howe, Thomas R. Blackburn.

Binghamton: Ministers—George M. Janes, G. Flavel Humphrey; Elder—Amasa J. Hoyt.

Boston: Ministers—Andrew Burrows, James A. F. McBain.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Robert D. Sproull, Philipp Vollmer, Augustus B. Prichard, William J. Bridges; Elders—John A. Jenkins, Smith E. Hendrickson.

Buffalo: Minister—William S. Jerome; Elder—George W. Harris.

Champlain: Minister—Francis B. Hall.

Chemung: Minister—James R. Robinson.

Columbia: Ministers—George C. Yeisley, J. Perry Beaver.

Genesee: Elders—George R. Gay, Levant C. McIntyre.

Hudson: Minister—John S. Gilmor.

Long Island: Minister—Henry Schlosser.

Lyons: Elders—William H. Kent, Silas S. Pierson.

Nassau: Ministers—George S. Bell, George H. Payson; Elders—Joseph R. Hunting, John P. Prall.

New York: Ministers—John Hall, Robert F. Sample, Joseph J. Lampe, George S. Payson, Edward M. Deems.

North River: Minister—George P. Noble; Elder—Alpheus Goodman, Jr.

Otsego: Minister—John L. Jones.

Rochester: Ministers—Theodore W. Hopkins, Bevard D. Sinclair; Elder—James S. Gilman.

Stauben: Ministers—John S. Bacon, George R. Smith; Elders—Sebastian G. Lewis, Orton O. Laine.

Syracuse: Ministers—Orson L. White, John C. Mead.

Troy: Ministers—William M. Johnson, Ninian B. Remick; Elders—Horace B. Silliman, Thomas Collins, Franklin Field.

Utica: Ministers—Henry Darling, George O. Phelps, John McK. Brayton.

Westchester: Ministers—J. Aspinwall Hodge, Robert P. Gibson, John H. Eastman, J. Ritchie Smith, Edward G. Moore; Elders—Stanton Cady, Henry White.

The report was accepted.

The several Standing Committees, having no farther business to present, were discharged.

The following minute was adopted unanimously :

The Synod expresses its most cordial thanks to the several pastors and many friends in the Churches of Syracuse for the hearty welcome extended to its members, and for the abundant and generous entertainment provided. Especial thanks are due to the pastor of the First Church, its elders and helpers, to the many families throughout the city who have opened their houses, to the organist and choir for their aid in special services, to the press for its reports of the proceedings of the Synod, and to the railroads which made a reduction in rates of fare.

Upon the Churches of Syracuse the Synod invokes the blessing of God, and prays for their increased usefulness and prosperity.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as having retired from the sessions of the Synod without its permission :

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—DeWitt G. Rockefeller,

Binghamton: Minister—Henry T. Perry; Elders—Perrin H. McGraw, Henry F. Benton.

Brooklyn: Elder—Charles Kennedy.

Buffalo: Minister—Henry Ward; Elder—Fred B. Curtiss.

Cayuga: Ministers—Samuel M. Hopkins, William H. Hubbard; Elder—William J. Donovan.

Champlain: Elder—Charles L. Hubbard.

Chemung: Minister—Augustus W. Cowles.

Columbia: Elder—Abram Harder.

Genesee: Minister—Allan D. Draper; Elder—William Bradley.

Geneva: Elders—Myron Peckins, Edward P. Babcock, Robert Johnston.

Hudson: Minister—Robert B. Clark.

Lyons: Minister—Jacob Dyk; Elder—Samuel H. DeRight.

New York: Minister—Erskine N. White; Elders—William C. Martin, Duncan Kennedy.

Otsego: Elders—Garrett Roseboom, Eleasar R. Fuller, Daniel McMullen.

Rochester: Elders—Frank H. Clement, Edwin E. Shutt, Andrew J. Warner, George H. Rudman.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—Randall Pease, Allen M. Dulles, George F. Walker.

Steuben: Minister—William H. Rice.

Syracuse: Minister—Douglas P. Birnie; Elders—J. Francis Green, Bradford Sherwood.

Troy: Minister—Hector Hall; Elders—DeWitt C. Halstead, J. DeWitt Qua, Thomas U. Davidson.

Utica: Elders—Arthur R. Simmons, James V. Comstock, Amos King.

Westchester: Minister—Richard P. H. Vail; Elder—John G. Clarke.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

A brief address was made by the Moderator, to which the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D., responded.

The business of the session having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the Church of Poughkeepsie, on the third Tuesday (the 15th day) of October, A. D. 1889, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer, praise and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

The Synod of New York to its Presbyteries and Churches, Greeting :

“The Hundredth Year” that marks another great stadium in the history of God’s Church is passed. Its advent was hailed with pœans of praise and rejoicing. The story of large achievement and marvelous progress was recited in speech and song most fitting to the grandeur of the occasion. There was reason that “the voice of rejoicing and salvation should be heard in the tabernacles of the righteous.”

But with all the triumph with which that sacred jubilee was celebrated, with all the exultation and hopefulness with which to-day we face the future, we must repeat the refrain which broke from the early Church in its first flush of victory: “But now we see not yet all things put under Him.” Battles have been won, but the war still rages. Though many an advance has been made, and many a stronghold captured, yet the fight goes on with undiminished fury. Nowhere in all the field do we hear the bugle call for halt. The cry of the Divine Leader, Himself in the thickest of the fray, is: “Forward! Forward!”

The Synod at such a time as this would renew the courage, and challenge the supreme effort of the “Sacramental Host” by exalting before its eyes the Church of God—its greatness and sufficiency.

Looked at in the light of its origin, what Christian soul for a single moment can doubt this? The Church was created by the Son of God! He who “knew what was in man,” who eyed perfectly the fearful exigencies and the total ruin in which sin involved him, He to whom “all power in Heaven and earth” was given, who could have marshalled legions of unfallen angels for the redemption of the human race, created the Church, by which the world is to be saved! He gave Himself to death for this Church, and upon its front wall He wrote with His blood-stained hand, “The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” He rose from the grave. Henceforth His resurrected life was to be lived in His Church, which was to be His body, from which He was to act out, even with an added power and splendor, all those miracles of grace which He had manifested in His earthly body. The Son of God incarnated Himself yet once again, even in His Church. And language, even His own divine words, fails to tell the depth and tenderness of Christ’s love for His Church, and of the glories which He will confer upon it in the triumphs which He is working out through it.

Looked at again in the light of history, the divinity of the Church and its sufficiency for the world’s salvation are clearly seen. Nineteen hundred years is the period of its life. Contrast it with the long unknown eras before. It is a new world which the Church is creating. Many a grace which adorns individual character, almost every virtue which belongs to human society and government, the extermination of a thousand fatal ideas, prejudices, customs; the invasions of its love and purity into regions of barbarism, its conquests of innumerable souls for Christ and Heaven—achievements which no human institution or philosophy could have accomplished, witness to its divine power. Its very failures speak with not less emphasis the same great truth. It has been when the Church of God has lost sight of its distinctive

glory, forgotten its sublime commission, and been false to its faith, that it has suffered defeats, and the enemy has regained its dominion of darkness and sin. The gloom which follows the sun's eclipse attests its shining majesty.

The Synod, then, with utmost earnestness, would impress upon its Presbyteries and Ministers and Churches, the truth that the Church is the organism which Christ instituted; that it is the Church to which His commission and promises were given; that it is the Church in which He has taken up His life, and from which He issues His saving grace to the world.

So the Synod, as with a new faith in the divine origin and powers of the Church, would insist, First, that the Church of Christ is for *Worship*.

Perhaps there is no one feature of the Church that Presbyterians have so much obscured as this of worship. The music, which is perhaps altogether æsthetical, and the sermon, which may be altogether attractive by the greatness of its argument or the flow of its eloquence, it is to be feared, have shut out from the service of God's House the supreme idea that those who go thither are to praise Him, and render forth their thanksgivings to Him in song and prayer. This element of adoration ought to give its own distinctive character to every organ tone, to every singing voice, and so as to evoke expression from every worshipping heart. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders." It is this idea of worship that has so recently been imported into our methods of beneficence. The "Church collection" is giving way to the better phrase, the "Church offering." Giving is an act of worship. It may be the fittest expression of penitence, or joy, or gratitude. The Synod hails the new method with blessings upon it. So it would urge upon ministers and people that all the service of God's House be such that "unto Him shall be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

The Synod, believing that the Church holds in itself every needed grace and function, would emphasize, also, its *teaching* office. Christ's call to a weary, sin-tossed world was not simply to "come" to Him, but coming "to learn of Him." The last commission given by Him to His Church was not only "to go into all the world," but "to go and disciple all nations." The first duty of the Church is to its own members. Our Lord equipped His Church with apostles and prophets, with evangelists, pastors and teachers, "for the perfecting of the saints." There was no epistle to the world. All the epistles were written to the churches, or to individual believers within them. The messages heard by John, as with the voice of a trumpet, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega," were to the churches; and the solemn refrain to each was, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Let ministers, then, take heed, that in "the ministry of the Word," "the Church may receive edifying," "warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that they may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." And let it be remembered that in this "edifying of the body of Christ," the baptized children of the Church are to be included. No institution of man, however good, and however blest of Heaven, can take the place of the Church in this holy nurture of the children. The Synod marks, with unfeigned sorrow and gravest apprehension, the absence of such a multitude of children from the services of the Church. It affirms that the unconscious impressions made upon the child by the associations of God's House, by scenes and voices there which it may vaguely apprehend, are, perhaps, the most powerful which stamp themselves upon a child's tender soul, forming, too, most precious memories, to

be kindled into life and grace in after years. The Saviour spoke through Peter to his Church, saying, "Feed my lambs."

Yet once more the Synod would declare, by way of glorifying the Church, that Christ lodged in His Church all sufficient powers for His redemptive *work*. In the multiplication of organizations which are springing up at every point of duty and need, it cannot be questioned that the Church holds within itself the best possible equipment for any such service. To doubt this would be to impeach the wisdom and foresight of Christ Himself. It may well be believed that the necessity for the creation of other instrumentalities for doing Christian work arises not out of any defect in the structure or functions of the "body of Christ." The necessity is found only in the ignorance of the Church as to its divine powers, or its shameful negligence in the use of these powers. It was said of Jesus Christ: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid." May it not be said that upon this foundation no structure that man can uprear bears such prophecies of endless endurance and fadeless glory as the Church of Christ? Brethren, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

So, with solemn warning, and yet high hope, the Synod bids you, Presbyteries, home and foreign, Ministers of the Word, Elders and Deacons, and Members of the churches, "God speed," as you go down from this summit of holy council to renew the warfare with the powers and principalities of darkness. Not yet, not yet do we see all things put under the feet of Christ. But go ye forth with sure expectancy and an unconquerable courage. Get you into the heat of the battle. Go each one to the fighting front where the ruby banner of the cross waves, where the Son of the living God is leading His Church to the conquest of the world: "For the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Moderator.

GEORGE B. SPALDING,
GEORGE W. F. BIRCH,
JOHN C. TUCKER,

Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received :

December 13, 1887, Rev. Frederick W. Ruhl, from the Classis of Geneva, and Rev. Charles E. Fay, from the Presbytery of Champlain;

April 18, 1888, Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, from the Presbytery of Lehigh;

September 18, Rev. Charles A. Conant, from the Anoka Association, Congregational;

September 19, Rev. Perry S. Allen, from the Philadelphia Central Presbytery;

October 9, Rev. Alvin Cooper, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 25, 1887, Peter M. McQueen and Grant Person;

June 12, 1888, Samuel G. Parent;

September 18, Leroy L. Cameron and Henry G. Dean.

Licentiates received :

October 25, 1887, Edward Hunting Rudd, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

June 12, 1888, William H. Decker, from the Presbytery of Newton;

October 9, John Dunlap, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 15, 1887, between Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D., and the First Church, Schenectady;

April 18, 1888, between Rev. DeWitt G. Rockefeller and the Church of New Scotland; and between Rev. Henry A. Lewis and the Church of Ballston Center;

June 12, between Rev. George K. Fraser and the Church of Northampton.

Ordinations :

October 25, 1887, Edward Hunting Rudd;

June 15, 1888, James B. Rodgers;

June 20, William H. Decker;

October 9, John Dunlap.

Installations :

October 25, 1887, Rev. Edward Hunting Rudd, over the Sixth Church, Albany;

May 15, 1888, Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, over the First Church, Schenectady;

June 20, Rev. William H. Decker, over the Madison Avenue Church, Albany;

October 3, Rev. Perry S. Allen, over the First Church, Saratoga Springs;

October 9, Rev. John Dunlap, over the Church at New Scotland.

Ministers dismissed :

October 25, 1887, Rev. James L. Harrington, to the Presbytery of Troy;

December 13, Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, to the Classis of Schenectady;

April 18, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Fay, to the Presbytery of Otsego;

September 18, Rev. Benjamin S. Crosby, to the Presbytery of North River.

Licentiate dismissed :

April 18, 1888, Putnam Cady, to the care of the Presbytery of Chippewa.

Church organized :

May 10, 1888, the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of Albany.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-one ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received:

September 18, 1888, Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Ministers Dismissed:

April 18, 1888, Rev. Charles Ray to the Presbytery of Lyons;

September 18, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 19, 1888, Candidate David I. Sutherland.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of forty-eight ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

October 3, 1888, Rev. Robert Gordon Mackay, from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. John Brown, from the Presbytery of Trinity, and Rev. Charles K. Canfield, from the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

June 12, 1888, Edward L. Armstrong;

October 3, Alexander Lindsay.

Licentiate received :

October 3, 1888, John P. Newell, from Middlesex Union Association.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

November 1, 1887, between Rev. Valentine A. Lewis and the First Church of Boston;

April 12, 1888, between Rev. George F. W. Hartmann and the First (German) Church of Manchester;

June 12, between Rev. William H. Buchanan and the Church at New Bedford, and between Rev. Rockwood Macquesten and the Church at Fall River;

October 3, between Rev. Charles C. Wallace, D. D., and the First Church of Newburyport.

Ordination :

October 3, 1888, John P. Newell.

Minister dismissed :

April 12, 1888, Rev. Henry C. Robinson, to the Connecticut Association of Congregational Ministers.

Deaths :

January 26, 1888, at Dorset, Vermont, Rev. Rufus Pratt, aged 89 years and 9 months;

February 24, at Watertown, Mass., Rev. Samuel N. Howell, aged 70.

Church dropped from the roll:

April 11, 1888, the Church at Reading, Mass.

Church organized :

June 19, 1888, Newport, R. I.

Church received :

May 1, 1888, the Church at Houlton, Maine, from the Presbytery of St. John, New Brunswick.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of fifty-three ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care three licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

October 27, 1887, Rev. Hartman F. Bernhart, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central;

January 30, 1888, Rev. William A. Halliday, D. D., from the Presbytery of Newton;

April 16, Rev. Donald McLaren, D. D., from the Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. Valentine A. Lewis, from the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. William E. Smith, from the Fox River Congregational Association, and Rev. James S. Ostrander, from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 1, 1888, John Bernard McLoy.

Licensed:

April 16, 1888, Clarence W. Rouse, Jacob E. Mallman and Gustave Schumacher.

Ordained:

October 11, 1887, Frederick C. Stoeckle.

Installed:

April 25, 1888, Rev. Hartman F. Bernhart, over the Hopkins Street Church;

July 16, Rev. John S. Willdridge, over the Faith Memorial Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 9, 1888, Rev. Alexander Miller, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

April 17, Rev. Hugh Smith Carpenter, D. D., to the Manhattan Congregational Association;

October 1, Rev. William E. Smith, to the Presbytery of North River; Rev. Alfred C. Roe, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Frederick C. Stoeckle, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Licentiate dismissed:

April 17, 1888, Gustave Schumacher, to the care of the Presbytery of Hudson.

Deceased:

May 25, 1888, Rev. Charles Parker, aged seventy-three years.

Churches formed:

March 30, 1888, Bethany Church, Brooklyn;

April 25, Faith Memorial Church, New Brighton, Staten Island;

May 30, Prospect Heights Church, Brooklyn.

Change in the name of a church:

December 12, 1887, The Fort Greene Church to The Cumberland Street Presbyterian Church.

Deposed from the ministry:

April 17, 1888, Rev. Benjamin Staunton.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-five ministers, and forty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

December 2, 1887, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, from the Presbytery of Geneva;

April 9, 1888, Rev. John McMaster, from the Presbytery of Lyons;

July 30, Rev. William C. McGarvey, from the Presbytery of Newton;

October 2, Rev. George Runciman, from the Presbytery of Lake Superior; Rev. Thomas E. Calvert, from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Benjamin C. Van Duzee, from the Erie Quarterly Meeting, Free Baptist Church.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 4, 1887, Mr. James A. Kennedy;

December 2, Mr. Clarence J. Goodrich;

July 30, 1888, Mr. Alden D. Collins.

Licentiates received:

October 2, 1888, Mr. Alfred C. Hand, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and Mr. Charles A. Richmond, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 2, 1887, between Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., and the church in Fredonia;

January 5, 1888, between Rev. Giles H. Dunning, and the Breckenridge Street Church, Buffalo;

April 10, between Rev. William Martin and the Church in Dunkirk.

Ordination:

October 5, 1888, Mr. Charles A. Richmond.

Installations:

October 12, 1887, Rev. William Taylor, as pastor of the Church in Allegany;

December 27, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, as pastor of the Church in South Wales;

June 5, 1888, Rev. John McMaster, as pastor of the Church in Akron;

October 5, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, as pastor of the Church in East Aurora.

Ministers dismissed:

January 5, 1888, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., to the Presbytery of Erie;

February 13, Rev. Henry M. Higley, to the Association of Western New York;

April 9, Rev. Giles H. Dunning, to the Presbytery of Cleveland, and Rev. William J. Erdman, to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Church formed:

June 19, 1888, Westminster Church, Hamburg, with which the Free Will Baptist Church, Hamburg, was consolidated August 20, 1888, under the name of The Lake Street Presbyterian Church of Hamburg. On the same date this name was substituted for that of Westminster Church, Hamburg, on the Roll of the Presbytery.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care thirteen licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

November 15, 1887, Rev. Edward P. Sprague, from the Presbytery of Erie;

December 20, Rev. William E. Roe, from the Presbytery of East Florida.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

November 15, 1887, Sahag H. Beshgeotoor, George A. Blair, David S. Brown, Arthur E. Brigden, James Eells, Korehiro S. Kurahara, Barton W. Perry, Thomas E. Sherman, George W. Warren.

Licensed:

April 12, 1888, Sahag H. Beshgeotoor, George A. Blair, Arthur E. Brigden, David S. Brown, Edwin H. Burgess, James Eells, Daniel I. Morrison, Barton W. Perry.

Ordinations:

May 7, 1888, Edwin H. Jenks, as an Evangelist;

June 5, Alexander D. McIntosh.

Installations:

November 25, 1887, Rev. Edward P. Sprague, over the Second Church of Auburn;

December 20, Rev. William E. Roe, over the First Church of Genoa;

June 5, 1888, Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, over the Church of Victory.

Ministers dismissed:

November 2, 1887, Rev. Richard S. Holmes, to the Presbytery of Erie; and Rev. Harmon H. Boone, to the Presbytery of Cape Fear;

April 10, 1888, Rev. Anson J. Upson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 18, Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, to the Presbytery of Benicia;

September 19, Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Licentiates dismissed:

November 2, 1887, William Graham, to the care of the Presbytery of Chicago;

May 7, 1888, Alexander G. Cameron, to the care of the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Deceased :

April 21, 1888, at Auburn, N. Y., Rev. Silas McKinney, in the 70th year of his age.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of twenty ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1888, Rev. George A. Jameson, from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, Canada; Rev. Albert C. Bishop, from the Presbytery of Otsego;
July 17, Rev. Isaac S. Simpson, from the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburn, Nova Scotia.

Candidate received:

September 18, 1888, Mr. Arthur Torrens.

Licentiate received :

July 17, 1888, Mr. William Long Moore, from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 31, 1887, between Rev. Charles E. Fay and the Church in Mineville;
April 17, 1888, between Rev. Charles S. Richardson and the Church in Malone.

Ordination :

July 17, 1888, Mr. William Long Moore.

Ministers dismissed :

November 18, 1887, Rev. Charles E. Fay, to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 17, 1888, Rev. Charles S. Richardson, to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 18, Rev. B. Fay Mills, to the Presbytery of Newton.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

December 20, 1887, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, from the Presbytery of Utica;
April 17, 1888, Rev. John Cairns, from the Presbytery of Geneva; and Rev. Solomon W. Weiss, from the Presbytery of Niobrara.

Installations :

December 20, 1887, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, over the Church of Dundee;
May 2, 1888, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas, over the Church of Watkins.

Minister dismissed :

April 18, 1888, Rev. Alvin Cooper, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate dismissed :

July 2, 1888, Mr. Lucius F. Badger, to the care of the Presbytery of Rochester.

Dropped from the roll :

September 18, 1888, Rev. George W. Knox, he having joined the United Church of Christ, in Japan.

Church dropped from the roll :

April 18, 1888, Eddytown.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of twelve ministers and four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1888.]

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of sixteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received:

April 24, 1888, Rev. Titus E. Davis, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

September 19, 1888, between Rev. David B. Minor and the Church of Hillsdale.

Installation:

May 15, 1888, Rev. Titus E. Davis, over the Church of Valatie.

Minister dismissed:

April 25, 1888, Rev. Elias L. Boing, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of seventeen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1888, Rev. Elizur N. Manley, from the Presbytery of Utica;

September 25, Rev. John R. Lewis, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidates received:

April 10, 1888, Allan McQueen;

June 4, 1888, George H. Marsh;

September 25, Frank S. Swan, M. D., and Herbert E. Wilford.

Licensed :

June 4, 1888, George S. Swezey.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 10, 1888, between Rev. Solomon C. McElroy and Bethany Centre Church;

August 7, between Rev. William W. Totheroh, D. D., and the Church at LeRoy.

Ministers dismissed:

April 10, 1888, Rev. John Burkhardt, to the Presbytery of Geneva;

May 1, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

August 7, Rev. William W. Totheroh, D. D., to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Deceased:

October 19, 1887, Rev. Gabriel S. Corwin, M. D., aged 85 years.

September 7, 1888, Rev. Hamilton W. Pierson, D. D., aged 71 years.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1888, Rev. Samuel Murdock, from the Presbytery of Hudson; and Rev. Farley Porter, from the Essex Congregational Association;

April 18, Rev. John Burkhardt, from the Presbytery of Genesee;

September 25, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

September 25, 1888, Henry W. Maier.

Licensed:

September 25, 1888, Louis F. Giroux.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 4, 1888, between Rev. Lewis H. Morey and the Church of Seneca Falls;

September 25, between Rev. Reuben H. Van Pelt and the Church of Trumansburgh; and between Rev. Wilber O. Carrier and the Church of Manchester, to take effect October 7, 1888.

Ministers dismissed:

November 29, 1887, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, to the Presbytery of Buffalo; and Rev. John Cairns, to the Presbytery of Chemung;

June 4, 1888, Rev. Lewis H. Morey, to the Presbytery of Winnebago.

Licentiate dismissed:

June 4, 1888, Frederick W. Palmer, to the Classis of Rochester of the Reformed Church.

Deceased:

May 4, 1888, at Phelps, N. Y., Rev. Ezra Jones, in the 84th year of his age.

June 4, 1888, Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg was appointed Treasurer, in place of Rev. Lewis H. Morey, resigned.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of thirty-nine ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

October 26, 1887, Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, from the Presbytery of New York;

April 17, 1888, Rev. Joseph Nelson, from the Presbytery of Newton;

May 29, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, from the Presbytery of Genesee; and Rev. William J. McKittrick, from the Presbytery of New York;

June 14, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, from the Hudson River Congregational Association.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 18, 1888, Edward Miller, of the Montgomery Church.

Licentiate received:

April 17, 1888, Gustave Schumacher, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

January 10, 1888, between Rev. Robert E. Campbell and the Church at Florida;
 January 24, between Rev. Eugene L. Mapes and the Second Church of Wash-
 ingtonville;

April 17, between Rev. Fenwick T. Williams and the Church at Monticello;
 May 29, between Rev. T. Cumming Beattie and the Church at Chester; and be-
 tween Rev. James B. Fisher and the Church at Westtown;
 June 14, between Rev. John E. Lloyd and the Church at Nyack.

Ordination :

June 14, 1888, Gustave Schumacher.

Installations :

October 26, 1887, Rev. Frederick J. Stanley over the Greenbush Church;
 May 29, 1888, Rev. William J. McKittrick, over the Church at Florida;
 June 14, Rev. Gustave Schumacher, over the Nyack German Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 26, 1887, Rev. Samuel Murdock, to the Presbytery of Geneva;
 January 24, 1888, Rev. Eugene L. Mapes, to the Presbytery of Carlisle;
 June 14, Rev. John E. Lloyd to the South Classis of Long Island;
 September 18, Rev. John R. Lewis, to the Presbytery of Genesee; Rev. T.
 Cumming Beattie, to the Presbytery of Pueblo, and Rev. Henry A. Harlow, to the
 Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Dropped from the roll:

January 10, 1888, Rev. Robert E. Campbell.

Deceased:

May 17, 1887, Rev. John U. Tschudi, at Warrensville, N. J., aged 70;
 May 21, 1888, Rev. Fenwick T. Williams.

September 18, 1888, Rev. Henry A. Harlow, after a faithful service of fifteen
 years, resigned the office of Stated Clerk, in view of his removal beyond the bounds of
 the Presbytery, and the Rev. David F. Bonner was elected in his place.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty ministers and
 twenty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Licensed:

September 19, 1888, Adney W. Hallock.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 19, 1888, between Rev. Walter Condict and the Church of South-
 ampton.

Deceased:

August 4, 1888, Rev. Thomas Harries, at Peekskill, N. Y., in the 76th year of
 his age;

September 10, 1888, Rev. William Baldwin Reeve, M. D., at Quiogue, in West-
 hampton, N. Y., in the 77th year of his age.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty ministers and seventeen churches, and has under its care two licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 9, 1888, Rev. John H. Pollock, from the Presbytery of Troy;
September 11, Rev. Charles Ray, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidate received:

April 9, 1888, Louis F. Ruf, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidate taken under care of the Presbytery:

September 11, 1888, David L. Bradley.

Minister dismissed:

April 10, 1888, Rev. John McMaster, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Licensed:

April 10, 1888, Louis F. Ruf and Samuel C. Garlic,

Installations:

June 7, 1888, Rev. Alexander D. McIntosh, over the Church of Wolcott Second,
by the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 24, Rev. Charles Ray, over the Church of Rose.

Church dropped from the roll:

April 10, 1888, the Church of Savannah.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Candidate taken under care of the Presbytery:

April 10, 1888, Robert E. Carter.

Licentiates received:

April 10, 1888, Theodore W. Harris, from the Manhattan Congregational Association;

June 7, Lewis W. Barney, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 30, 1888, between Rev. Peter D. Oakey and the Springfield Church;
April 30, between Rev. Albert K. Harsha and the Roslyn Church;
July 7, between Rev. John F. Williamson and the Glen Cove Church;
September 17, between Rev. Adolphus E. Wanderer and St. Paul's Church;
October 2, between Rev. James C. Hume and the Church of Babylon.

Ordinations:

April 23, 1888, Theodore W. Harris;
June 7, Lewis W. Barney.

Installations:

October 23, 1887, Rev. George S. Bell, as pastor of the Freeport Church;
April 23, 1888, Rev. Theodore W. Harris, as pastor of the Church of Far Rock-
away;
June 7, Rev. Lewis W. Barney, as pastor of the Whitestone Church.

Dismissions:

July 7, 1888, Rev. John F. Williamson, to the Presbytery of North River;
September 17, Rev. Adolphus E. Wanderer, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Deceased:

March 24, 1888, at Brooklyn, Rev. James McDougall, in his 84th year.

Church organized:

January 30, 1888, the Church of Far Rockaway.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and fifty-eight ministers and fifty-two churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and eighteen candidates.

Ministers received:

November 14, 1887, the following, set off from Westchester Presbytery by act of Synod, were received and enrolled: Rev. Messrs. George W. F. Birch, George Nixon, Charles P. Mallery, Lawrence P. Cummings and Ira S. Dodd;

February 13, 1888, Rev. James Morton, from Westchester Presbytery; and Rev. Edwin E. Rogers, from the Caledonia Association of Congregational Churches of Vermont;

April 9, Rev. Andrew H. Harshaw, from the U. P. Presbytery of New York;

May 14, Rev. Frederick N. Rutan, from the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. William C. Stitt, from the Presbytery of Lehigh; Rev. Jerome Allen, from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Robert H. McCready, from the Reformed Presbytery of New York;

June 11, Rev. William F. Price, from the Congregational Church;

October 8, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, from Kansas City Presbytery.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

November 14, 1887, Thomas C. Miller;

December 12, Charles J. McKenney;

February 13, 1888, Charles McDonald, Henry G. Golden; and from Union Presbytery, John F. Lynn;

May 14, Franklin E. Hoskins;

October 8, Dwight L. Parsons, Wenceslaw Losa, Frank Pokorny, Joseph Brew, John F. Bren, John F. Mauer.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

December 12, 1887, Samuel Boulton;

February 13, 1888, Leonidas H. Davis, from Manhattan Congregational Association of New York;

May 14, J. Balcome Shaw, from the Presbytery of Long Island; Lewis W. Barney, Andrew Beattie, Henry G. Golden, Hervey D. Griswold, Franklin E. Hoskins, Emil Lewy, Alexander Newton and George E. Woodhull;

June 11, William M. Langdon.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

December 12, 1887, between Rev. Charles S. Robinson and the Madison Avenue Church;

January 9, 1888, between Rev. Marvin R. Vincent and the Church of the Covenant.

Ordinations:

November 14, 1887, R. Gordon Mackay;
 November 21, William Chester;
 January 19, 1888, Charles E. Herring;
 May 15, J. Balcome Shaw;
 May 29, Andrew Beattie;
 June 11, W. Scott Watson and John B. Devins;
 June 15, Samuel Boulton and William D. Grant;
 September 30, William N. Langdon and George E. Woodhull.

Installations:

November 21, 1887, Rev. William Chester (co-pastor) over Phillips Church;
 January 19, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Herring over the East Harlem Church;
 May 15, Rev. J. Balcome Shaw over the West End Church;
 May 29, Rev. Andrew Beattie over the Church of the Sea and Land;
 June 7, Rev. Robert H. McCready over the Prospect Hill Church;
 June 21, Rev. Joseph J. Lampe over Christ Church;
 October 15, Rev. Charles L. Thompson over the Madison Avenue Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 14, 1887, Rev. Arthur Potts, to the Reformed Episcopal Church;
 December 12, Rev. William Y. Brown, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
 April 9, 1888, Rev. Elijah T. Burnett, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
 May 14, Rev. William J. McKittrick, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
 June 11, Rev. William F. Price, to the Presbytery of San José;
 September 30, Rev. R. Gordon Mackay, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Licentiates dismissed:

November 17, 1887, J. Lee Mitchell, to Northern Central Conference (Congregational) of Michigan;
 December 28, Stanley White, to the care of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
 May 26, 1888, Lewis W. Barney, to the care of the Presbytery of Nassau;
 June 11, Franklin E. Hoskins, to the care of the Presbytery of Chester;
 June 23, Alexander Newton, to the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi;
 August 27, Emil Lewy, to the care of the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Deaths:

May 14, 1888, in New York, Rev. James D. Wilson, aged 53;
 April 23, in New York, Rev. Edward Hopper, aged 72.

Churches formed and received:

November 14, 1887, the following, set off from Westchester Presbytery by act of the Synod, were received and enrolled: Bethany, Tremont, West Farms, First Morrisania, and Riverdale;
 October 24, 1887, East Harlem;
 February 7, 1888, West End;
 April 9, Prospect Hill; and the West 51st Street Church was received from the U. P. Church of New York;
 June 21, Christ Church.

Change in name of Church:

February 13, 1888, Rutgers to Rutgers Riverside.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty ministers and nineteen churches and has under its care three candidates.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 25, 1887, between Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock and the First Presbyterian Church of Lockport;

January 30, 1888, between Rev. William A. Beecher, and the Church of Barre Center.

Ministers dismissed:

October 31, 1887, Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, to the Presbytery of Baltimore;

September 25, 1888, Rev. Thomas E. Calvert, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Dropped from the roll:

September 25, 1888, Rev. James A. Skinner, by his own request, and upon information that he had joined another body.

Church organized:

March 13, 1888, the Church of Middleport.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of six ministers and five Churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery: Nan Lah.

Ministers received:

February 25, 1887, Rev. William C. Dodd, from the Presbytery of Council Bluffs; and Rev. David G. Collins, from the Presbytery of Bellefontaine.

Church organized:

March 11, 1888, First Church of Cheung Lan.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-five ministers and thirty Churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1888, Rev. William E. Bogardus, from the Classis of Passaic;

June 11, Rev. Thomas D. Elder, from the Presbytery of Northumberland;

October 1, Rev. Benjamin S. Crosby, from the Presbytery of Albany;

October 2, Rev. John F. Williamson, from the Presbytery of Nassau, and Rev. William E. Smith, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Licentiates received and Licenses conferred:

April 17, 1888, Charles J. Howell, licensed.

May 31, Edgar Beckwith, from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 2, 1887, between Rev. John F. Hooper, and the First Church of Kingston;

April 16, 1888, between Rev. James A. Norris, and the Church of Wappinger's Creek.

Ordination:

May 31, 1888, Edgar Beckwith.

Installations:

May 15, 1888, Rev. Andrew Gray, over the Church in Millerton;
 May 31, Rev. Edgar Beckwith, over the Church in Pleasant Valley;
 June 6, Rev. William E. Bogardus, over the Church in Pleasant Plains;
 June 11, Rev. Thomas D. Elder, over the Church of Wappinger's Creek.

Ministers dismissed:

December 16, 1887, Rev. John F. Hooper, to the Classis of New York;
 April 16, 1888, Rev. James A. Norris, to the Classis of Westchester;
 May 31, Rev. John Macnaughtan, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
 October 1, Rev. Lewis H. Reid, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Licentiate dismissed:

June 14, 1888, Charles J. Howell, to the care of the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Deaths:

July 19, 1888, Rev. Edward Payson Roe, at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., aged 50 years;
 July 28, Rev. William J. McCord, at Wassaic, N. Y., aged 78 years.

Church received:

October 2, 1888, the Associate Reformed Church of Newburgh, N. Y.

October 2, 1888, Rev. George P. Noble was elected Stated Clerk, in place of Rev. John Macnaughtan, removed to another Presbytery.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH consists of eleven ministers. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1888.]

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 24, 1888, Rev. Charles Edward Fay, from the Presbytery of Albany;
 April 25, Rev. Lawrence M. Stevens, from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. William A. Dunning, from the Presbytery of Alton; Rev. John H. Brandow, from the Classis of Montgomery; Rev. Thomas C. Roskelly, from the Wyoming Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

April 25, 1888, Charles V. Spriggs;
 September 11, William Courtland Robinson.

Licentiate received:

December 21, 1887, Samuel V. V. Holmes, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Ordained and installed:

December 21, 1887, Samuel V. V. Holmes, as pastor of the Church in Richfield Springs.

Dismissions:

December 21, 1887, Rev. Albert C. Bishop, to the Presbytery of Champlain;
 April 24, 1888, Rev. Peter Q. Wilson, to the Classis of Ulster;
 April 25, Rev. David McK. Rankin, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Deceased:

February 7, 1888, Rev. Henry Callahan, of Franklin, aged 77.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and nine candidates.

Ministers received:

October 31, 1887, Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, from the Classis of South Long Island; April 9, 1888, Rev. John McColl, from the Presbytery of Chester; and Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., from the Presbytery of Syracuse; April 10, Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., from the New London Congregational Association; and Rev. William R. Taylor, from the Classis of Philadelphia.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 31, 1887, Frank A. Ryan;
December 31, L. E. Tiffany, of the Church of Dansville;
September 18, 1888, Frank E. Bancroft, of the Church of Lima.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

December 13, 1887, Johnson A. Henderson was licensed;
September 4, 1888, Lucius F. Badger was received from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 10, 1888, Rev. James B. Shaw, D. D., was released from active duty as pastor of the Brick Church, Rochester, but was retained as *pastor emeritus*;
March 19, between Rev. F. Swartz Crawford and the Church of Groveland;
July 24, between Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., and the Church at Nunda.

Ordinations:

May 29, 1888, Johnson A. Henderson;
September 4, Lucius F. Badger.

Installations:

November 22, 1887, Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, as pastor of St. Peter's Church, Rochester;
April 10, 1888, Rev. William R. Taylor, as pastor of the Brick Church of Rochester;
April 17, Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., as pastor of the Central Church of Rochester;
April 24, Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., as pastor of the First Church of Rochester;
May 8, Rev. John McColl, as pastor of the Church of Brighton;
May 29, Rev. Johnson A. Henderson, as pastor of the Church of Caledonia;
June 26, Rev. James S. Root, as pastor of Emmanuel Church of Rochester;
September 4, Rev. Lucius F. Badger, as pastor of the Church of Groveland.

Ministers dismissed:

March 19, 1888, Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
April 10, Rev. Jerome Allen, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. F. Swartz Crawford, to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;

June 26, Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, to the Presbytery of Utica;
 July 24, Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
 September 4, Rev. John K. Kilbourn, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
 September 18, Rev. J. Edward Close, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Deceased:

November 26, 1887, Rev. Benjamin F. McNeil, at Adams, Mass., aged 61;
 December 9, Rev. Charles Gillette, at Rochester, N. Y., aged 72;
 December 24, Rev. Charles S. Durfee, at East Bloomfield, N. Y., aged 43;
 January 29, 1888, Rev. David L. Hunn, at Buffalo, N. Y., aged 98;
 March 25, Rev. Alexander S. Hoyt, at Ogden, N. Y., aged 48.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of thirty-three ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

November 17, 1887, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, from the Presbytery of Detroit;
 December 2, Rev. James Lavelle, from the New York East M. E. Conference;
 April 11, 1888, Rev. John K. Baillie, from Glengary Presbytery, Canada;
 July 11, Rev. Avery S. Walker, D. D., from the Brookfield Association of Congregational Ministers;
 September 26, Rev. William Best, from the Presbytery of Armagh, Ireland.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 6, 1888, between Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee and the Church in Canton;
 July 19, between Rev. Thomas Dobbin and the Church in Morristown.

Installations:

November 17, 1887, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, as pastor of the First Church, Watertown;
 July 11, 1888, Rev. Avery S. Walker, D. D., as pastor of the Church in Canton.

Ministers dismissed:

February 6, 1888, Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee, to the Hartford Central Association of Congregational Churches of Connecticut;
 July 19, Rev. Thomas Dobbin, to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of six ministers and seven churches, and has under its care five licentiates and one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

January 5, 1888, Rev. William G. McClure and Rev. Christian A. Burger, from the Presbytery of Iowa.

Minister dismissed:

January 4, 1888, Rev. A. Willard Cooper, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

One Church organized; one candidate licensed.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Minister received:

September 12, 1888, Rev. Augustus Cone, from the Presbytery of Erie.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

April 18, 1888, John S. Niles, of the Church of Hornellsville; September 12, George F. Wood, of the Church of Elkland, Pa.

Licensed:

April 18, 1888, John S. Niles; September 12, George F. Wood.

Ordination:

April 18, 1888, Smith Ordway.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1888, Rev. Lawrence M. Stevens, to the Presbytery of Otsego; and Rev. Smith Ordway, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of twenty-nine ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care nine candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1888, Rev. David McK. Rankin, D. D., from the Presbytery of Otsego; June 19, Rev. Charles Jones, from the Middlesex South Association, Mass.; August 8, Rev. Smith Ordway, from the Presbytery of Steuben; September 18, Rev. Judson Swift, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 2, 1888, S. S. Phelps.

Licentiate received:

October 2, 1888, Charles J. Howell, from North River Presbytery.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

February 6, 1888, between Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., and Grace Church, Oswego;

May 22, between Rev. S. Edwin Koons and the Church at Hannibal;

August 8, between Rev. Eben B. Parsons, D. D., and the Church at Baldwinsville.

Ordination:

October 2, 1888, Charles J. Howell, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

November 16, 1887, Rev. Angus H. Cameron, over the Church at Marcellus;

October 2, 1888, Rev. Judson Swift, over Grace Church, Oswego;

October 11, Rev. Albert J. Abeel, over the Memorial Church, Syracuse.

Churches received:

April 10, 1888, the Congregational Church of Onondaga;

June 19, the Reformed (Dutch) Church of Chittenango.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of fifty-two ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received:

November 1, 1887, Rev. Albert S. Mays, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

November 17, Rev. Hector Hall, from the Presbytery of Glasgow; and Rev. James L. Harrington, from the Presbytery of Albany;

April 17, 1888, Rev. John Anderson, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding;

September 17, Charles H. Reinsberg.

Licensed:

February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

September 20, 1887, between Rev. Philander Barbour, and the Church of Malta,
to take effect March 1, 1888;

April 17, 1888, between Rev. David M. Hunter, and the Church of Salem;

September 17, between Rev. Mark A. Denman, and the Church of Melrose.

Ordinations:

November 1, 1887, Josiah Still;

February 28, 1888, Melvin E. Hedding.

Installations:

November 17, 1887, Rev. Hector Hall, over the Second Church of Troy;

December 1, Rev. James L. Harrington, over the Church of Brunswick;

December 7, Rev. Albert S. Mays, over the Liberty Street Church of Troy;

February 28, 1888, Rev. Melvin E. Hedding, over the Church of Mechanicville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 27, 1888, Rev. John H. Pollock, to the Presbytery of Lyons;

April 17, Rev. Titus E. Davis, to the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Charles P. Evans, to the (Reformed) Classis of Cayuga; Rev. David M. Hunter, to the Presbytery of Omaha;

September 17, Rev. Mark A. Denman, to the (Reformed) Classis of Saratoga;

October 4, Rev. James F. Knowles, to the Presbytery of White Water.

Deaths:

March 19, 1888, Rev. Hugh Brown, at Shushan, N. Y., in the 78th year of his age;

May 6, Rev. Laurens P. Hickok, D.D., LL.D., at Amherst, Mass., in the 90th year of his age;

May 25, Rev. Rufus C. Clapp, at Chestertown, N. Y., in the 80th year of his age.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of fifty-three ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and fourteen candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1888, Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D. D., and Rev. William J. Jones, from the Presbytery of New Albany;

June 19, Rev. Anson J. Upson, D.D., L.L.D., from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. Charles S. Richardson, from the Presbytery of Champlain;

September 25, Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery:

October 19, 1887, Charles H. Walker, Leslie R. Groves, Albert B. Judson;

April 10, 1888, Arthur C. McMillan;

September 25, J. Edward Everett, Pano E. Stoeleff, Charles B. Auger and W. Frank Beverly.

Licensed:

April 10, 1888, Charles H. Walker and Leslie R. Groves.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 10, 1887, between Rev. Charles H. Van Wie and the Churches of Williamstown and West Camden, and between Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown and the Church of Little Falls;

April 10, 1888, between Rev. Granville R. Pike and the Church of Clayville;

September 25, between Rev. William C. Taylor and the Church of Verona.

Installations:

October 11, 1887, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, over the Church of Knoxboro;

November 10, Rev. Albert S. Bacon, over the Cochran Memorial Church of Oneida Castle;

December 6, Rev. Theodore F. Jessup, over the Church of Boonville;

June 19, 1888, Rev. Charles S. Richardson, over the Church of Little Falls.

October 11, Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, over the Church of Westernville.

Ministers dismissed:

November 10, 1887, Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and Rev. James P. Viele, to the Presbytery of Emporia;

April 10, 1888, Rev. Granville R. Pike, to the Presbytery of Fargo;

September 25, Rev. Martin E. Grant, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiate dismissed:

September 25, 1888, Plato T. Jones, to the care of the Presbytery of St. Paul.

Deceased:

Licentiate Simon G. Visscher, at Rome, N. Y., December 24, 1887, in his 60th year.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of sixty ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care six licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received,

January 17, 1888, Rev. Alexander Miller, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

March 29, Rev. Charles S. Lane, from the Hartford South Association;

June 12, Rev. John E. Bushnell, from the Fairfield West Association;

October 3, Rev. Lewis H. Reid, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 3, 1888, George Cornwell.

Licenses conferred:

June 12, 1888, upon Hugh Lenox Hodge and Richard Morse Hodge.

Licentiates received:

June 12, 1888, J. Hendrik de Vries, from the Classis of Westchester of the Reformed Church.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 20, 1887, between Rev. Frederick S. Barnum and the First Church of Thompsonville, Conn.;

January 17, 1888, between Rev. Edgar L. Heermance and the Church at White Plains, N. Y.;

March 29, between Rev. Manfred P. Welcher and the Church at Pleasantville, N. Y.;

June 17, between Rev. Washington Choate and the Church at Irvington, N. Y.;

August 1, between Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D., and the Gilead Church, at Carmel, N. Y.;

August 26, between Rev. William Hart Dexter and the Southeast Centre Church;

November 4, between Rev. Isaac L. Kip and the Church at Patterson, N. Y.

Ordination:

June 19, 1888, J. Hendrik de Vries.

Installations:

January 17, 1888, Rev. Alexander Miller, over the Mahopac Falls Church;

March 29, Rev. Charles S. Lane, over the First Church of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

June 5, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, over the South Salem Church;

June 12, Rev. John E. Bushnell, over the Rye Church;

October 10, Rev. William Hart Dexter, over the First Church of Thompsonville, Conn.

Ministers dismissed:

January 17, 1888, Rev. James Morton, to the Presbytery of New York;

June 12, Rev. Frederick S. Barnum, to the Classis of Greene of the Reformed Church;

October 2, Rev. Anthony W. Colver, to the Presbytery of Larned.

Ministers transferred:

October 19, 1887, Rev. Messrs. George Nixon, George W. F. Birch, D. D., Charles Payson Mallery, Lawrence P. Cummings and Ira S. Dodd, to the Presbytery of New York, pursuant to action of the Synod.

Licentiate dismissed:

October 2, 1888, John Dunlap, to the care of the Presbytery of Albany.

Death:

April 29, 1888, at White Plains, N. Y., Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, aged 55 years.

Churches transferred:

October 19, 1887, Tremont, Bethany, West Farms, Potts Memorial and Riverdale, to the Presbytery of New York, pursuant to action of the Synod.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,083	Licentiate.....	53
Churches.....	822	Candidates.....	138

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

I. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 1, 1888.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated Value of College Grounds and Buildings.....	\$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds.....	8,000.00
Two Vacant Lots.....	1,500.00
Observatory Building, Grounds and Instruments....	10,000.00
Educational Collections.....	4,000.00
Library.....	4,000.00
Musical Instruments..	7,000.00
Art Department, Paintings, Studies, Casts, etc	4,000.00
Furniture.....	10,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$198,500.00</u>
Corporate Bonds.....	38,100.00
Real Estate Mortgages	74,150.00
Total.....	<u>\$310,750.00</u>

II. LIABILITIES.

Bonded debt:

Mortgage upon College Property.....	\$25,000.00
College Bonds held by the Endowment Fund.....	9,500.00
Total.....	<u>\$34,500.00</u>

Floating debt:

Treasurer's Notes.....	\$12,760.00
Accrued Interest thereon	1,090.00
Bills for Current Expenses, due	4,401.33
Estimated Expenses to July 1, 1888.....	900.00
Interest due the Endowment Fund.....	2,250.00
Total.....	<u>\$21,401.33</u>

III. RESOURCES.

Term Bills due.....	\$3,150.00
Interest due.....	1,410.00
Uncollected Subscriptions.....	200.00
Balance in Bank.....	67.03
Total.....	<u>\$4,827.03</u>
Balance unprovided for.....	\$16,574.30

IV. REVENUE.

From Board and Tuition.....	\$30,288.15
From Term Bills due.....	3,000.00
Interest received from mortgages.....	4,554.29
Interest due.....	1,410.00
Total.....	<u>\$39,252.44</u>

V. EXPENDITURES.

Paid during Current Year.....	\$32,814.74	
Unpaid Bills " "	4,401.33	
Estimated Expenses to July 1.....	900.00	
Interest due the Endowment Fund.....	2,600.00	\$40,716.07
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Deficiency.....		\$1,463.63

VI. FUND FOR AIDING IN THE EDUCATION OF MINISTERS' DAUGHTERS.

From the Church of Hornellsville, Presbytery of Steuben.....	\$112.65
" " " " Southport, Presbytery of Chemung.....	42.10
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	\$154.75

NEWTON P. FASSETT.

Treasurer.

ELMIRA, N. Y., October, 1888.

2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term expiring in 1889.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,

Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

Term expiring in 1890.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,
Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D.,

Rev. William A. Niles, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings,
Archibald McClure,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

Term expiring in 1891.

John T. Rathbun,
John I. Nicks,
Newton P. Fassett,

Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
Seymour Dexter,
Miss Anna B. Pratt.

3. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term expiring in 1889.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. John L. Taylor, Rev. Arthur W. Spooner.

Term expiring in 1890.—Rev. Stanley D. Jewell, Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie.

Term expiring in 1891.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D. D., Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D.

IV. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., 23 Nassau St., New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler and Henry Day, Esqrs.

Term expiring in 1889: Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Term expiring in 1890: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

Term expiring in 1891: Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., William Allen Butler, John C. Tucker.

Members ex-officio: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Archibald McClure.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	NAME.	PRESBYTERY.	PLACE.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D.D., <i>Convener</i>	Geneva.....	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D.D.....	New York.....	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.....	Buffalo	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D.D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D.D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D.D	Genesee	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D.D.....	Boston	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D.D.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse.

VI. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

GENEVA: Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, Treasurer, Seneca Castle, N. Y.

HUDSON: Rev. David F. Bonner, Stated Clerk, Montgomery, N. Y.

NORTH RIVER: Rev. George P. Noble, Stated Clerk, Cornwall, N. Y.

OTSEGO: Rev. Frank H. Coffran, Stated Clerk, Worcester, N. Y.

VII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the Third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

II.

The place of the next meeting shall be designated prior to the adjournment yearly.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for devotional services; provided, however, that the morning sessions shall always be begun with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

III.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting of the Synod.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders.”

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod an official report of the delegates and alternate delegates elected by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from such report shall be made up the official roll of the Synod.

At the calling of the roll of the Synod at its first session, the names of all delegates who have been officially reported to represent the Presbyteries shall be called, and those not responding, either personally or by alternates officially reported, shall be marked as absent.

When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals regularly appointed, such delegates shall report in person to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, and their names shall be substituted upon the official roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates shall be sent by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the members of committees which have been appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in regular correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of

such ministers, in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office address.

VII.

In the case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

IX.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

X.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting :

1. Bills and Overtures; to consist of six ministers and five Elders.
2. Judicial Business; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
4. Finance; to consist of five elders.
5. Leave of Absence; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
6. To Nominate Committees to attend the examinations in Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries, and Visitors to other Educational Institutions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
7. To Nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
8. To Nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
9. To Nominate the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira Female College; to consist of four ministers and three elders.
10. On the Records of the several Presbyteries; each committee to consist of two ministers and one elder.

Before the adjournment a committee of one minister and one elder on each of the Boards of the Church shall be appointed, to serve for one year, and these committees, with a general chairman to be chosen at the same time, shall constitute the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church, whose report shall be the first order of business on the second day of every annual session.

A committee shall be appointed, also, to present, at the next sessions of the Synod, a brief Pastoral Letter, to be sent down to the Presbyteries and Churches of the Synod.

XI.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of the Elmira Female College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

XII.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceeding by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XIII.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him to the Synod, before being referred.

XIV.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Synod.

XV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVI.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XVII.

Vacancies occurring, between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

XVIII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister in the Synod, to every elder whose name is on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church.

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